



John Kerry, contender for the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination, rocks on Wednesday evening at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. The performance, John Kerry Unplugged, also featured special guest Moby, who preceded Kerry with three well-known tunes. More photos, page 19.

Theta Delta Chi May Lose License After July Rooftop Party Incident

By Chen Zhao

The Cambridge License Commission met with Theta Delta Chi on Tuesday in response to an alcohol-related incident that occurred at the fraternity house this summer.

The MIT police said at the hearing that members of TDC, during a July 15 rooftop party at the house, threw beer cans and plates off of the roof and struck a car. One fraternity member has been banned from the house as a result of the incident.

Benjamin C. Barnes, chairman of the CLC Board said he was "really thinking about pulling [the] license" to the TDC house at the Tuesday hearing.

The CLC will meet again to decide what punishment, if any, to impose on TDC. It was unclear at the hearing whether another would be scheduled to hear further testimony.

David N. Rogers, assistant dean and director of fraternities, sororities and independent living groups, said that the Interfraternity Council plans to have a hearing soon.

To date, the IFC has refused to comment on the matter.

Rooftop party ends in conflict

Daniel M. Halperin '04, current president of TDC, said the July 15 party was a social event involving current members and alumni after a softball game.

Three MIT police officers who responded to the 10:30 p.m. complaint testified at the hearing. Patrol Officer Robert G. Wilcox said he was almost struck by a beer can as he and Patrol Officer Richard M. Sullivan ascended a fire escape to reach the roof of the house. Patrol Officer Jamie G. DiGregorio said several of the party attendees were "very belligerent."

The officers named James P. Wagner '04 and an unidentified alumnus as the two most aggressive of the group. Wilcox said Wagner and the alumnus were intoxicated. Wilcox added that students informed

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MIT, Goler Continue To Debate S-P Flag

By Jennifer Krishnan
NEWS AND FEATURES DIRECTOR

An MIT student could be evicted if he continues to hang his flag outside his window.

Jonathan A. Goler G said he came home Tuesday to find his controversial Israeli flag removed from his window with a note from his house manager threatening "disciplinary action" if the flag reappeared outside the window. Goler then put the flag back outside.

Karen A. Nilsson, director of housing operations, told Goler Wednesday that if he continued to ignore the housing office's instructions to take the flag down, he might be evicted.

"He's in noncompliance with housing rules and regulations," Nilsson said. "At this point I have no other alternative."

"The easier option is for her to do nothing ... which should have been their action all along," Goler said.

"If they actually evicted me, MIT would obviously be in pretty deep trouble," he said. "There's absolutely no way that evicting someone for something as trivial as this is anything remotely reminiscent of fair or just."

Nilsson and Goler will be meeting today to discuss the matter.

Goler's flag has been the subject of ongoing controversy since July, when a complaint from a fellow resident of the Sidney-Pacific Graduate Residence called it to administrators' attention.

Nilsson has said Goler's flag violates MIT rules and is a fire and safety hazard; Goler says the rule is being applied selectively for political reasons.

Administrators have told Goler on multiple occasions that he should mount the flag on the inside of his

room, and he has consistently ignored their instructions.

Nilsson puts eviction on table

Nilsson and Dennis J. Collins, the Sidney-Pacific house manager, as well as other administrators, indicated to Goler at various times that MIT policy forbade him from hanging any item outside his window, including flags, without authorization. Citing fire and safety concerns, as well as aesthetic concerns, they instructed Goler repeatedly to bring his flag inside the window.

Goler said while he does not disagree with these rules, they "clearly do not apply" to his situation, so he did not comply with administrators' instructions.

Nilsson "directed [Collins] to [remove the flag] when Jonathan missed another deadline for taking it down," she said. Collins did so on Tuesday morning.

When Goler spoke with Nilsson yesterday, Nilsson "verbally threatened me with eviction from MIT housing should I continue to refuse to remove my flag," Goler said.

"I didn't threaten him," Nilsson said. She said she told him that "one of the alternatives I have open to me is a 30-day notice, which is an eviction notice."

Nilsson said she is running out of options if Goler continues to ignore the housing office's instructions, but "the situation can end with Jonathan bringing his flag in," rather than something like eviction, she said.

Eviction is "not something that [the housing office] ever wants to do, [but] there are times that there is no other alternative," she said.

Collins declined to comment.

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Blaster Worm Continues To Plague MIT Campus

By Gireeja Ranade

The Blaster worm continues to plague the MIT community, with over 900 network drops still disabled, eight weeks after Microsoft recognized the vulnerability in Windows 2000 and XP.

"Approximately 3,000 to 4,000 machines all over campus have been affected. In the last 60 days a little over 1,652 drops have been turned off. Of those 916 drops are still off right now," said Robert Mahoney, Network Security team leader for Information Systems.

"This is the first time we have seen 10,000 machines vulnerable," Mahoney said.

On July 30, Network Security began to see one machine compromised per minute, as opposed to initial rate of three compromises per hour, Mahoney said.

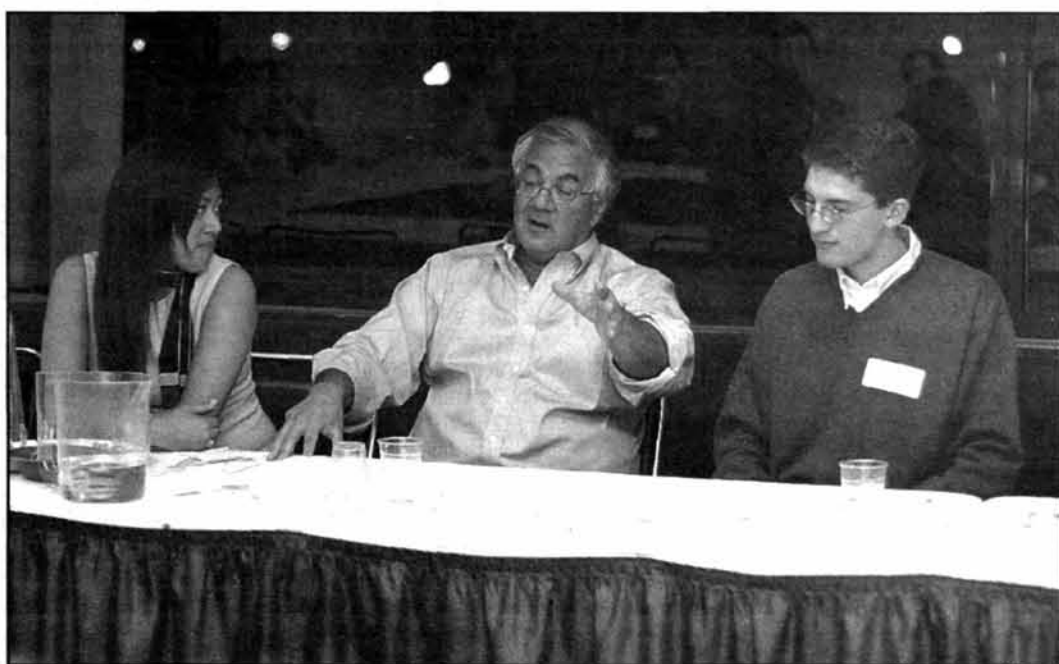
"As of last week, when I started, there were about one thousand disabled drops on campus ... that's a lot more than the two or three cases you expect in a week," said Thomas E. Cavin, manager of computer operations for the Division of Health Sciences and Technology, who volunteered to help Network Security re-enable disabled drops.

Cavin said that Network Security requires users to reformat their hard drive and re-install their operating system before the network drop is turned back on.

"Reinfection rates are very high. You need to follow the instructions to lessen your chances of being reinfected," Cavin said.

"Microsoft has not had the best security record in the past. Even if

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Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank speaks to a group of students Sunday, Sept. 7, about U.S.-Israel relations. Seated beside Frank are Undergraduate Association Speaker Yun-Ling Wong '04 (left) and MIT Students for Israel Political Coordinator Samuel N. Korb '05 (right).

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WORLD & NATION

Second Anniversary of Attacks Brings Reflection

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

Two years after terrorists turned commercial jetliners into missiles bearing down on quintessential symbols of American wealth and power, the nation paused on Thursday to remember the 3,016 fathers and mothers and friends who did not make it home that day.

Ministers in their pulpits and conductors in the subway announced moments of silence. Officials read poems and delivered speeches. Choirs sang patriotic songs. And Americans reflected on the attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center and damaged the Pentagon, on the wars that have followed, and on the enduring losses of 9/11.

Somehow, Thursday was like Nov. 22, 1965, two years after the assassination of President Kennedy, or Dec. 7, 1943, two years after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The rawness of emotion was less immediate than on the first anniversary. But there was no shortage of grief.

"Today, again, we are a city that mourns," Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg said at ground zero, the 16-acre site where the World Trade Center stood until Sept. 11, 2001. In 10 terse sentences, Bloomberg introduced and thanked the children helping in the ceremony. "Their world is still in the making," he said. "As the mayor and a father, I hope it will be a wise and a just world."

Four U.S. Soldiers in Iraq Hurt In Two Convoy Attacks

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

Four U.S. soldiers were wounded and at least two vehicles were destroyed in two attacks on military convoys, one just west of Baghdad and the other in northern Iraq, a U.S. military spokesman said on Thursday night.

The gun battles came on a day when U.S. troops held a series of ceremonies to mark the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which are indirectly responsible for their presence here. The day was mostly quiet in Baghdad, and fears that terrorists would celebrate the anniversary by setting off their fifth truck bomb in Iraq in a month proved unfounded.

But for U.S. soldiers, who are now facing a dozen or more attacks daily, Wednesday was far from quiet. At about 2:30 p.m. in Mosul, in northern Iraq, guerrillas fired rocket-propelled grenades at a U.S. convoy, wounding three soldiers, according to Sgt. Danny Martin, a U.S. military spokesman. At 5 p.m. in Khaldiya, about 45 miles west of Baghdad, another attack wounded one soldier and destroyed two vehicles. In both cases, the attackers wielded rocket-propelled grenades as well as small arms, Martin said. He said he did not know if United States soldiers had killed any guerrillas in the attacks.

So far, 288 U.S. troops have died in Iraq or Kuwait since the beginning of the Iraq war, including 150 since President Bush declared on May 1 that major U.S. combat operations had ended.

Khaldiya, the site of the second attack, is in the "Sunni Triangle," an area north and west of Baghdad that has been the center of resistance to the American occupation. Sunni Muslim Arabs make up one-fifth of the population of Iraq but have long dominated the country's political and economic life, and many Sunnis fear that the United States occupation may end that primacy.

But Mosul, where the first attack took place, is in heavily Kurdish northern Iraq, which has been mostly peaceful since Saddam Hussein was ousted from power.

The deaths came as U.S. forces in Baghdad held more than a half-dozen ceremonies to mark the Sept. 11 attacks. The anniversary memorials began at 8 a.m. Baghdad time, which was midnight in New York and Washington, when a fighter jet swooped low over Baghdad, rattling windows here with a show of American might.

U.S. Says Ousting of Arafat Could Be Counterproductive

By Douglas Jehl

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Responding to Israel's threat to expel Yasser Arafat, the Bush administration said again on Thursday that ousting the Palestinian leader would "not be helpful" and could be counterproductive.

The State Department spokesman, Richard A. Boucher, said that the expulsion of Arafat would "only give him another stage to play on." But Boucher also called again on Arafat to cede control over Palestinian security agencies to the designated prime minister, Ahmed Qureia, something the Palestinian leader has been unwilling to do.

A senior State Department official said on Thursday night that the Israeli move had come despite clear American opposition. The official said that John S. Wolf, the American special envoy to the region, and Daniel C. Kurtzer, the American ambassador to Israel, would now be meeting with Israeli officials to assess "exactly what their intentions are."

The national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, was understood to have been in contact with senior

Israeli officials in recent days, including a telephone conversation in advance of today's security cabinet meeting. Rice was said to have expressed the Bush administration's concern about any expulsion order.

But a State Department official said it was unclear whether the administration's concerns would prompt a direct protest from President Bush to the Israeli leader, Ariel Sharon, which he called "the only phone call that's going to carry any weight."

Administration officials said Israeli officials had assured them that the call by the Israeli cabinet for Arafat's expulsion was intended to push his hand and that it was not binding. They said they did not expect Israel to take any immediate action.

But 15 months after the Bush administration joined Israel in declaring Arafat irrelevant, the tough new Israeli stance posed a fresh test for an administration. While it has refused to deal with the Palestinian leader, the Bush team has said that forcing Arafat to leave would cause more harm than good.

"We don't have a brief for him,

but at the same time, we don't believe that dealing with Mr. Arafat in that fashion or through expulsion is going to be helpful at all to the situation," Boucher said on Thursday in outlining the American position.

Still, in the hours after Israel's security cabinet announced the decision, Bush administration officials said they knew of no attempts by Bush, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, or other senior officials to win an Israeli change of heart. The officials said they knew of no high-level discussions about a revamping of the so-called road map, the path that the United States, Israel and the Palestinians all still publicly embrace as the best way toward peace, even in the face of a sharp renewal of violence.

Shimon Peres, the former Israeli prime minister, met with Powell in Washington on Thursday, and he also spoke out against the threatened expulsion. "I think it will be a mistake," said Peres, whose Labor Party lost power in 1996 to the Likud Party, which is now headed by Sharon. "Arafat out of the country will be more bitter and more negative."

Taliban Officials Outline Plan To Defeat U.S. in Afghanistan

By David Rohde

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW DELHI, INDIA

The resurgent Taliban have embarked on a strategy of small guerrilla attacks intended to frustrate and steadily bleed U.S. forces in Afghanistan and to force the United States to expend billions of dollars in military costs, according to two Taliban officials interviewed recently.

Hajji Ibrahim, who identified himself as a Taliban commander, said the group's goal was to tie down the United States in Afghanistan and force it to spend huge sums responding to limited attacks that draw U.S. forces "here to there, here to there." He confidently predicted that the United

States, sapped by a slow, costly and grinding conflict, would abandon Afghanistan after two to three years, and repeatedly compared the current situation with the defeat of Soviet forces in Afghanistan in the 1980s.

"How is it possible that America will continue to do these things for many years?" he asked, pointing out that it cost virtually nothing for a single Taliban fighter to plant a land mine. "Just think — one plane — how much is it to take off and land?"

Hajji Latif, who identified himself as a Taliban spokesman, said the fugitive Taliban leader, Mullah Omar, was commanding Taliban forces from his hideout in Afghanistan. While claiming that

U.S. troops are overstretched in Iraq and Afghanistan, Latif called for volunteers around the world to aid the Taliban and said he hoped the United States would open new fronts in the campaign against terrorism.

"We are offering prayers that they should start in one or two more places," he said. "When America goes to open one or two more places it will be good for Muslims."

The two men were interviewed separately and on the condition that the country in which they spoke not be identified. They also asked that their real names not be disclosed, and gave only their noms de guerre. Their claims could not be independently confirmed.

WEATHER

Sunset

By J.R. Moskaitis

Today marks the conclusion of an eight day streak of brilliantly sunny days in Cambridge, a feat that is unfortunately quite rare. The last comparable sunshine streak was in January, coincident with a much less pleasant streak of subfreezing temperatures. Interestingly, in September 2002 we enjoyed a similar string of sunny days on almost the exact same dates as this year.

The high pressure that has made the clear days possible is finally drifting off the coast this weekend, returning us to a pattern of moist flow from the south. This will result in cloudy and humid conditions through at least the middle of next week. Rain will be increasingly likely throughout the forecast period, as a cold front slowly approaching from the west serves to focus for the copious moisture streaming in from the tropics.

Extended Forecast

Today: One more day of sunshine, accompanied by a cool breeze from the east. High 70°F (21°C).

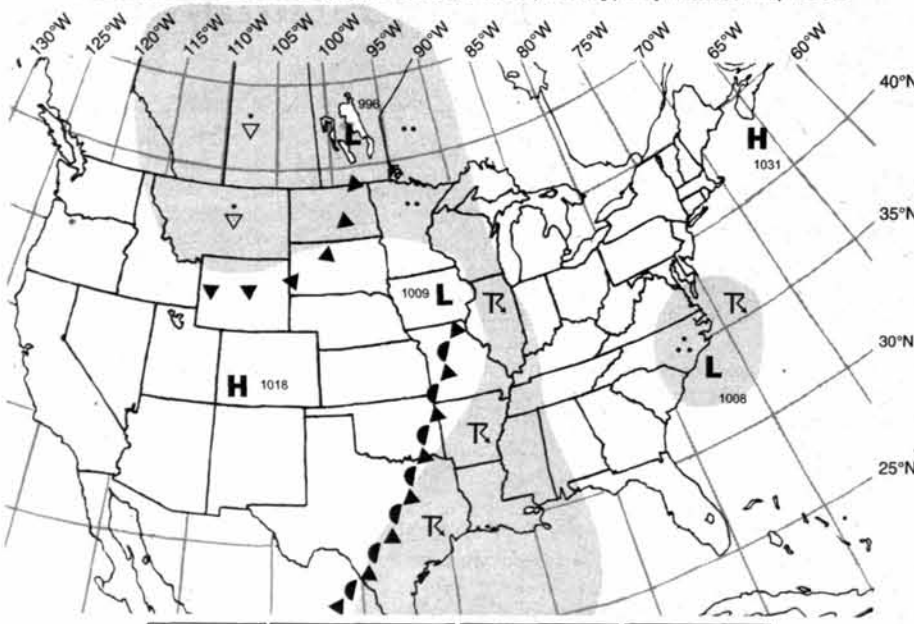
Tonight: Clear early, then becoming cloudy. Low 56°F (13°C).

Saturday: Mostly cloudy and increasingly moist. High 67°F (19°C).

Sunday: Cloudy and humid, with scattered showers. High 74°F (23°C).

Monday: Continued overcast and humid, with showers likely. High 76°F (24°C).

Situation for Eastern Daylight Savings Time, Friday, September 12, 2003



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	--- Trough	Snow *	Fog
L Low Pressure	--- Warm Front	Showers ∇	Thunderstorm
S Hurricane	--- Cold Front	Light *	Haze
	--- Stationary Front	Moderate **	
		Heavy ***	

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Swedish Foreign Minister Lindh Stabbed by Unknown Assailant

By Alan Cowell
THE NEW YORK TIMES

STOCKHOLM

Anna Lindh, the widely respected Swedish foreign minister mentioned often as a potential leader of the nation, died early on Thursday of stab wounds suffered on Wednesday, when an unidentified assailant slashed her repeatedly with a knife in a department store.

Her death left the land dismayed and distressed, stirring painful memories of the 1986 killing of Prime Minister Olof Palme and sharpening the quandary of Scandinavian nations like Sweden, seeking to balance their traditional openness against the newer dictates of security. Lindh was not routinely assigned full-time bodyguards — a privilege reserved for King Carl Gustav and Prime Minister Goran Persson.

The killing also inspired suggestions that, after the assassinations of Serbia's prime minister, Zoran Djindjic, last March, and the right-wing politician Pim Fortuyn in the Netherlands in May, 2002, Europe's

political and social strains had produced new threats of violence in an ever more volatile era.

"Europe has lost even more of its innocence," said Margot Wallstrom, Sweden's representative at the European Union. The impact reverberated particularly through Scandinavia's political elites, who have long prided themselves on their accessibility to the people.

"This is a wake-up call for us in Norway," said that country's prime minister, Kjell Magne Bondevik. "We want contact between politicians and other people, and we may now have to consider if we should do it differently."

The Finnish prime minister, Matti Vanhanen, said that Scandinavia's vaunted openness had suffered "a major setback and shock."

Despite the death of Palme 17 years ago, Swedish and other Scandinavian politicians have clung to the idea that, unlike more threatening urban environments elsewhere in Europe or in the United States, their streets are safe.

The openness that made Lindh vulnerable is part of what Swedes see as the advanced social values that set them apart from other parts of Europe. That openness endured despite the Palme killing, which remains formally unsolved to this day. But it now seems under threat, with the authorities caught between their reluctance to introduce tougher security measures and their desire to preserve the accessibility of politicians.

"There was no threat against Anna Lindh and that's why she didn't have any bodyguard protection," Kurt Malmstrom, a senior security police officer, told Swedish radio. "It is, of course, a failure in that this has happened. The future will have to show whether there has been an erroneous judgment."

There was no indication on Thursday night whether the killing, only days before a referendum on Sunday on whether Sweden should join adopt the euro, had been inspired by Lindh's fervent support for the single currency.

IMF May Sign Unorthodox Deal With Argentina to Repay Debts

By Tony Smith
THE NEW YORK TIMES

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

After the International Monetary Fund's agreement to help Argentina raise itself from its economic sickbed without having to follow a full fiscal discipline regime, could other debtors in the region be tempted to adopt a tougher stance with the fund?

In neighboring Brazil, where orthodox policies have stifled inflation and stabilized markets, a debate has already started as to whether the country needs to renew its current \$30 billion package with the fund that expires in December.

The administration of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has indicated that he will want a new deal only on more favorable conditions, and the finance minister, Antonio Palocci, said last week that any new deal with the fund should allow the government to increase spending on social needs and infrastructure.

In Ecuador, meanwhile, the authorities could be forgiven for wondering why the fund is demanding more belt-tightening from them than from Argentina. Analysts said that the Argentine deal was probably a one-time thing.

Brazil has the clout — it is a big

enough debtor — to play hardball with the fund, though it probably will not, analysts say. Smaller debtors like Ecuador, though, do not have the leverage to extract concessions from the IMF.

As the dust settled on Thursday, most analysts agreed that the pact announced on Wednesday night by President Nestor Kirchner of Argentina and the monetary fund's managing director, Horst Kohler, was a victory for Argentina.

Argentina said on Thursday that it had repaid about \$3 billion in defaulted debt to the International Monetary Fund, according to Reuters. That default on Tuesday was the biggest single missed payment in the monetary fund's history.

After being abandoned by the fund as its economy collapsed in late 2001, Argentina felt justified in resolutely refusing to make a series of concessions that negotiators for the monetary fund wanted in exchange for refinancing \$21.6 billion in debt that Argentina owes multilateral institutions over the next three years.

Argentina's requirements, considered less than orthodox by Wall Street, included limiting its budget surplus to 3 percent of gross domestic product next year, while leaving goals for the following two years

open to further negotiation. By contrast, Ecuador's fund-set surplus goal this year is 5 percent, while Brazil is aiming for 4.25 percent.

The deal also failed to lock in, as the fund had wanted, compensation for banks and largely foreign-owned utilities operating in Argentina that were hard hit by last year's sharp devaluation of the peso.

"Did the IMF cave in? Yes and no," said John Welch, chief Latin American economist at WestLB in New York. "But on these issues it certainly did."

Welch points out that a 3 percent surplus, by Argentine standards, is gargantuan. Before Argentina defaulted on its private debt in 2002, it had not ended the year with excess cash since 1993, and that surplus was a meager 1 percent, he said.

Welch said he doubted that other countries would follow Argentina's lead because there were very few debtors of that magnitude.

Brazil's left-leaning government is debating whether it needs another agreement, not out of any animosity to the fund — although that does exist in some quarters of da Silva's Workers Party — but because it feels it has proven its economic credentials by putting prudent economic policies into effect.

ACLU Showcases Celebrities for Ad Campaign Criticizing Administration

By Nat Ives
THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

As the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks passed on Thursday and President Bush pressed for greater expansion of law enforcement powers, a new advertising campaign by the American Civil Liberties Union has been rolling out to oppose the proposals.

The ads, which indirectly criticize the Bush administration's proposals as trampling on the Bill of Rights without mentioning either the proposals or the president directly, have already hit a nerve.

"It is absolutely outrageous," said Mark Corallo, a spokesman for the Department of Justice. "You have men and women who are sworn to uphold the Constitution who are literally putting their lives on the line to keep us safe and our lives intact, and the ACLU is making them out to be some sort of Gestapo-like organization."

Feelings are bitter on both sides

of the debate. Corallo accused the ACLU of trying to create an atmosphere of fear. The ACLU and its allies said the same about the Justice Department.

"The definition of 'crisis' has been changed and been made much more elastic," said Richard Dreyfuss, the actor, who appears in one of the ads. "Criticism of the administration is not looked upon as allowable or appropriate, because we're in a 'crisis.'"

With a budget of \$3 million, the campaign is consuming much of the \$4.5 million the civil liberties union typically spends on advertising in a year. The decision to spend so much now reflects a belief that disaffection with the Bush administration and its policies is rising, and that opportunities to gain new support and members are growing along with it, said Anthony D. Romero, executive director at the group.

"It's essential to talk to the American people now," he said, "because there is a beginning of a debate and a

dialogue at the grass roots."

As an example, Romero said that some 160 communities around the country have adopted resolutions objecting to the measures the Bush administration pushed through in the fall of 2001, known as the USA Patriot Act. The new proposals would extend those measures and include provisions that were rejected the first time around, like wider powers to issue subpoenas without judicial oversight.

The black-and-white print ads in the new campaign are scheduled to run from September to December in magazines like Rolling Stone and Vanity Fair. They were created by Benenson Janson in Studio City, Calif., the civil liberties union's agency since July of last year.

Howard Benenson, president of Benenson Janson, said the large-type legend that starts each ad, "I am not an American," is meant to be provocative, but that the message that follows is meant to have wide appeal.

Libya to Pay More in Bombing; U.N. Free to Lift Sanctions

THE NEW YORK TIMES

PARIS

The families of victims killed in a 1989 terrorist attack on a French airliner said on Monday that they had reached a preliminary agreement with Libya that would eventually provide extra financial compensation. The agreement clears the way for a U.N. vote on Friday to lift sanctions against the government of the Libyan leader, Col. Moammar Gadhafi.

This week France forced a delay in the sanctions vote to give more time for negotiations over the settlement between the families and Libya and to keep pressure on Libya to pay additional compensation to the families of the 170 victims that died when a UTA airliner blew up over Niger. With the agreement signed on Thursday France said it would now support a vote on sanctions. Neither side would give any details of the agreement.

"France naturally has no more opposition to the U.N. Security Council voting for the lifting of sanctions against Libya as quickly as possible in New York," the foreign minister, Dominique de Villepin, said at a news conference on Thursday evening.

Libya had previously paid about \$34 million to the UTA victims, but France objected last month when Gadhafi's government agreed to pay \$2.7 billion to families of victims killed in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, arguing that the UTA families should get a comparable sum.

France has said that the UTA families received only \$3,000 to \$30,000 each because the airline and its insurer got the bulk of the earlier award. It said it would veto any resolution to lift the sanctions imposed on Libya in the wake of the Lockerbie bombing until the country had satisfied the UTA families' demands for more equitable treatment.

Union and Auto Makers Close To Historic Agreement

By Danny Hakim
THE NEW YORK TIMES

DETROIT

The Big Three and the United Auto Workers are on the brink of an unprecedented early and simultaneous resolution to their contract talks, people close to the negotiations said.

The parties are looking to wrap up negotiations before midnight Sunday, when the four-year labor contracts expire. Reaching an accord at all three companies would be a historic sign of unity between the union and management, but time is running short and hiccups have a way of derailing negotiations.

"Two weeks ago, I thought the odds were fairly high against it," said Buzz Hargrove, the president of the Canadian Auto Workers Union, referring to the chances for an early, three-in-one deal for the United Auto Workers, which has never happened before.

"I still find it highly unlikely but not impossible," Hargrove added, "because there really is a clear effort to do it at all three."

Representatives at Ford Motor, General Motors and the Chrysler Group unit of DaimlerChrysler and the union would not comment substantively on the talks.

Traditionally, the union picks one company as a target and negotiates an agreement with it. That first deal becomes the framework the others follow. Negotiations with the target company traditionally go up to the deadline, and sometimes beyond it, and are often contentious.

White House to Reopen for Tours

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

More than two years after closing to the general public, the White House and the rotunda of the National Archives are resuming access.

The White House, which stopped public tours after the Sept. 11 attacks, will resume them on Tuesday. Arranged tours for school, youth, military and veterans' groups have been available since February 2002, although the White House temporarily closed last spring during the conflict in Iraq.

The rotunda of the National Archives, which houses the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, closed in 2001, for renovations and conservation of the documents. It reopens next Thursday.

A spokeswoman for the White House, Ashley Snee, said, "The tour policy and procedures have been under review and consideration for the last 18 months, with a goal to make tours more available."

For the White House tour, a visitor has to contact the office of a member of Congress, which will initiate a security clearance and make reservations. Visitors will be able to see the State Floor, which includes the East Room, the State Dining Room and the Blue, Red and Green Rooms, Snee said.

Lawyers to Pocket \$30M In Clergy Abuse Settlement

THE BOSTON GLOBE

The \$85 million settlement in the Boston clergy sex abuse scandal will set a record not only as the most expensive abuse settlement in the history of the Catholic Church, but also as the largest payday for lawyers who sued on behalf of victims: an estimated \$30 million in legal fees, lawyers said.

That figure has angered some victims and advocates, who say those abused by clergy will get far less money as a result, but others say the customary 33 percent cut, plus expenses, is fair, stressing that they could not have sued the Archdiocese of Boston had they been forced to pay legal fees up front.

The tentative agreement was unanimously ratified Wednesday afternoon during a meeting at a downtown Boston hotel with the 57 attorneys representing 552 alleged victims of abuse, who must persuade 80 percent of their clients to sign on for it to become effective.

"They are raking in millions of dollars and just using victims, propping them up in front of press conferences so other clients will come in and hire them," said John Sacco, a victim of defrocked priest John Geoghan who was killed in prison and had settled an earlier case with the archdiocese.

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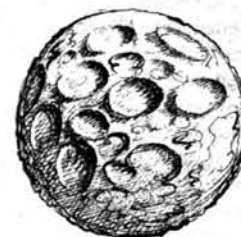
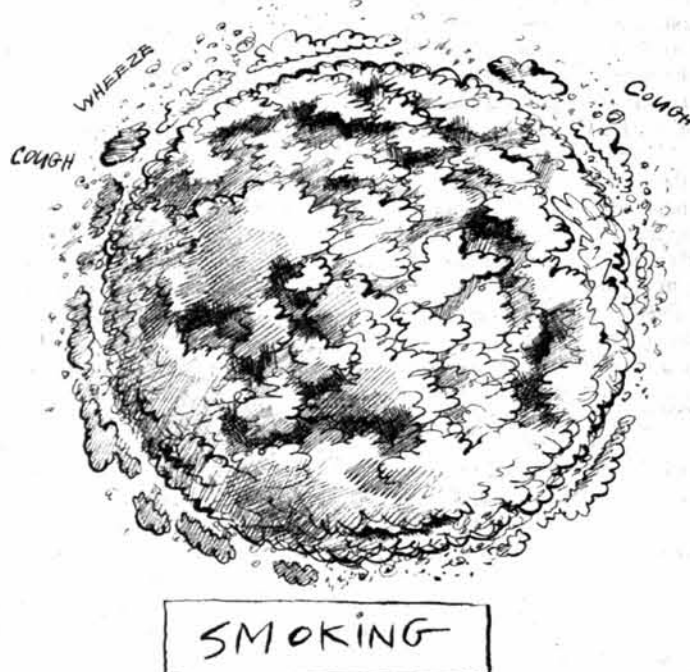
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Letter To The Editor

On Religion and Thought

Thanks for Andrew Thomas' Sept. 9 article on logic and Christianity. It was a good companion piece to *Tech Talk*'s article on the

visit of the Dalai Lama's visit. If Buddhism can question the meaning of existence and the nature of consciousness, why can't Christianity?

The problem is hinted at in Mr. Thomas' article. That problem is evangelism, i.e. cramming your beliefs down other's throats. Evan-

gelicals tend toward fundamentalism, where logic may fly out the window. So other religions become less logical. Being gay and an esotericist (occultist), I run headlong into these fundamentalist types.

Chuck Wright

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Sex and Candy: The Class Elections

Ruth Miller

Even with the huge problem sets and tiny amounts of sleep some students are already combating, one can't help but notice a few of the more colorful contributions to the Undergraduate Association campaign. From the visually engaging posters that read "We've got the magic stick. We'll do wonders for you" (Dev and Mimi, Social Chairs '04), to the much more phallic "Go Nads" (Nadjia Yousif, President '04), or the seemingly spontaneous sexual reference in "Free yourself from bondage" (Xiaolu Ning, Treasurer '07), there seems to be more than a few mature voters in the MIT constituency. Because no political activity would be complete without controversy, some eyebrows have been raised at the angles that some candidates are taking in their run for office.

I would like to intercede with insight from someone much wiser than myself. In an episode of Saturday Night Live during the peak of the Clinton impeachment fallout, Colin Quinn, a guest on Weekend Update, made a clear and concise statement on the state of politics and the election process. "The qualities that get you elected are the same qualities that get you laid." With such wisdom, it's no wonder that Colin eventually replaced Norm MacDonald as Weekend Update anchorman and now hosts his own show on Comedy Central.

Elections are not based on the qualities that determine the best elected official. Elec-

tions only test a candidate's ability to get elected. Some voters base their decision on factors completely unrelated to the office: physical appearance, race, gender, or similar backgrounds. Elections can become surveys on the biases of a constituency, and shallow logic can arise in a private ballot booth.

Knowing this fact is what makes elections easy. If a candidate is willing to be the most adventurous or risqué, some level of posterity is all but ensured.

In high school, my best friend and I ran for a Student Council office every year. The scourge of our existence during election week was the kid that passed out candy. It was so cheap, and so shallow, we didn't want to admit that the souls of our classmates could be bought so easily. We preferred less superficial and more thought-provoking methods. Our campaigns became a competition between us and the administration: who could come up with the most limiting rule and who could work around it. More than once I was threatened with suspension for using my own last name in a campaign slogan. Apparently, the powers that be didn't want to "Have a Miller for President." Another time we hung a giant banner over the tiny school commons area. It was one of those big, plastic banners gas stations use to advertise across highways, and led to the creation of a size limitation the next year: nothing larger than a half sheet of poster board. To circumvent that, we got to school hours before class on the day of the election to piece together a grid of

letter sized sheets of paper to form an even bigger banner in the commons area. Fortunately, this year my partner in crime was able to stick it to the man and his new five poster limit with homemade T-shirts and won the election.

I digress. This all misses the point of who would do the best job in office. A little creativity never hurt anybody, and creativity in office can lead to even more interesting things. The student body will adapt and overcome whatever blasphemous or explicit things it encounters, and we all need something every now and then to catch us off guard and make us react. The beautiful part of it all is that if people get offended and want to react, they have to get involved in the system. More opinions are brought into the mix and the cycle of politics continues.

Whatever stir is created by this year's candidates will inevitably be outdone. The antics of UA election week could become the stuff of legends. It sucks that people are shallow and that the most qualified person may not be elected. This especially sucks for the freshmen class, which hasn't had enough time to be able to distinguish their leaders through actions rather than perverse posters and free candy. But that said, why not give into the circus that is election week? If a candidate wants to tell you what they intend to do in office, by all means listen to what they have to say. Otherwise, embrace the mayhem and vote.

Ruth Miller is a member of the Class of 2007.

How Not to Fight the Next Epidemic

Disarming Ourselves in the War on Disease

Ken Nesmith

Few arenas host a more motley collection of stakeholders than the international drug trade. Entrepreneurs, research scientists, various political bodies, doctors, drug companies, victims of disease all are participants in a somewhat cacophonous dialogue over drug therapies. Recent developments in the discussion may sow the seeds for a frightening and tragic future, borne of unwillingness or inability to perceive and comprehend the creation of a drug.

Thanks to ignorance, poor sexual decisions, and occasionally, plain old bad luck, millions of individuals worldwide are afflicted with the AIDS virus. Treatment has come a long way in the past decades, as research efforts by pharmaceutical companies have dramatically reduced the number of pills and frequency of dosage involved with drug therapy. These drugs perform the quite impressive task of lending life to the doomed, staving off one of nature's most powerful assaults on the human body, and their cost can be exorbitant, although it continues to fall.

The drugs are not necessarily expensive to manufacture. Their expense lies in the years of labor, research, trial, and failure that it takes to produce the simple little pills. Generic producers do not bear such costs. They need merely throw the proper chemicals together to create the pills. They have no part in figuring out just which chemicals will make a good pill. The pills they create, however, are identical to the expensive ones sold by drug companies. The disparity in price can be staggering: one day's dose of the antifungal drug fluconazole, for instance, sold for \$18 directly from the drug companies that produced it, but 30 cents from a generic producer in Thailand.

Generic producers are like the Kinko's of the drug world. Take a book to Kinko's, run it through a copy machine, and what comes out is a completely usable text: all the knowledge, entertainment, insight, enlightenment, and whatever else is to be found in a given book is equally present in the Kinko's copy. Its cost is splendidly low: rather than the tens of dollars a book might cost at the bookstore, a Kinko's book only costs a few dollars for paper and ink. What if our new model of book commerce was to buy all of our books from the copyshop? It seems like a good policy: the books work just as well, and they're dramatically cheaper than ripoff bookstore prices. Why should anyone, especially those in need, pay exorbitant prices for simple paper and ink when Kinko's can do it for a few bucks?

In the Kinko's Bookstore world, we would very quickly have no more books to copy. In our crusade for economic justice in the world of books, we'd have forgotten that authors write

the words on pages. Once we decide to steal their work, they probably won't write much more of it — even if not for lack of will, for lack of means. We've replaced a free trade of money for books with an act of larceny, by taking what we want, when we want it, without consent. Even if we really want the books, even need them, expropriating them amounts to theft. And it destroys the very act of creating books.

No matter the need, no matter the circumstance, refusal to understand creation and production ensures the destruction of those activities. Even if we really need cars to drive longer distances, bribing the security guard to let us take them from the dealer's lot is an act of theft, and a good way to ensure the eventual end of car dealerships. Even if all of us students get really hungry, paying a food court employee to let us cart away a rack of Odwalla bars and

maybe some muffins on a daily basis will ensure that there will soon be no more food to take. And today, even if millions have contracted a terrible disease, cannibalizing the industry that can offer a cure will destroy that industry,

and make it impossible to create new drugs. Who, after all, would invest the massive scientific and capital resources, the sheer effort and struggle, to create a new drug if once they found it, it was to be taken from their hands for free use by any who could mix chemicals?

These analogies border on stultifying, but it seems that the simple logic behind them is absent the current discussion. Quite impressively, the terms of the debate have shifted such that the question is not whether or not generic producers will be allowed to expropriate drug patents, but how much they'll be able to do it. Drug companies, despite ongoing innovation, constantly falling costs, and even outright giveaways of cutting-edge drugs to poor countries, have been forced to play along without recourse. The language of an Aug. 29 *New York Times* article analyzing a World Trade Organization proposal to allow more generic drug production indicates just how far the terms of discussion have shifted. The new agreement, lambasted by activists as "cosmetic" and a "concession" to drug companies, gives national governments control over the drugs produced by drug companies. A country needing an AIDS drug need only ask the government of a country that produces a generic version to export it without the patent holder's permission. It also describes Brazil's AIDS program, which serves 135,000 patients with free drug cocktails, as possible because "the country makes its own generic drugs and uses the threat of local production to force multinational producers to lower their prices on others." This policy — give it to us, or we'll steal it — is portrayed as an innovative and effective one.

Drug companies have to respond to these new policies by recovering their costs else-

where, and for now, that's still possible in the United States. Those afflicted with AIDS who are not getting their drugs from generic producers are paying for their own pills as well as subsidizing generic pill production. This arrangement, a de facto progressive taxation imposed on AIDS victims, is itself under threat. Pressure continues to build to allow importation of drugs from foreign countries like Canada. Proponents make their case by comparing the cost of drugs abroad to the higher costs in the United States. Political realities have forced opponents to spin this as a safety issue, portraying imported drugs as unregulated and potentially unsafe. It's a claim that borders on xenophobic; what is striking is that it's not possible to argue the truth in this political atmosphere: drug prices are cheaper abroad because they're under government price controls. Allowing importation effectively extends those controls to the U.S. market, where drug companies currently make the money they need to remain fully operational. The eventual consequences are obvious: a dramatic curtailment of new drug production.

Yet the media's analysis of long-term versus short-term considerations is quite different. A July 17, 2000 article from *Time* Europe describes drug giveaways as short-term solutions that are "only effective for the duration of the program." The long-term answer? Creating a "stronger emphasis on generic drugs at a fraction of the cost of name-brand equivalents." *Time*'s long-term solution to fighting disease is to destroy the process of drug creation, often the only weapons we have in the war against disease.

Drug companies have no moral responsibility to fight diseases and make their products freely available, no more than IBM has a moral responsibility to develop new computers that save lives. It is a blessing that their products exist. However, if we refuse to understand how drugs are made, and we choose to cannibalize the work of those who invent new drugs, we will destroy them. That will work to address current threats for a while, until a new epidemic spreads. Therein lies the real risk: by destroying the infrastructure of drug creation and distribution, we will hobble our ability to face unforeseen threats. The massive, destructive impact of AIDS makes it all the more tempting to expropriate needed drugs. Doing so makes us surrender the very tools that allow us to fight diseases like AIDS in the first place.

Most of us can be fairly certain we'll avoid contracting AIDS, but future biothreats will surely employ methods of transmission that don't depend so strongly on our personal choices. We'll need a robust pharmaceuticals industry armed with the resources to address those threats. The current political pathways will leave us with skeletons of research and development programs, and strong aversions to the risks associated with drug development (some of which regulators impose). We should indeed be very careful with our treatment of generic drugs.

Opinion counts

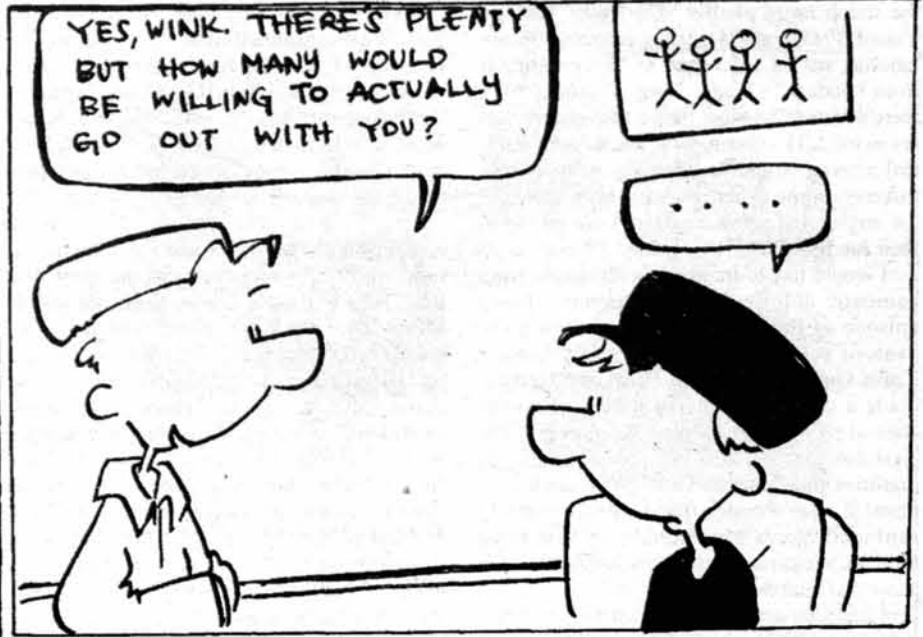
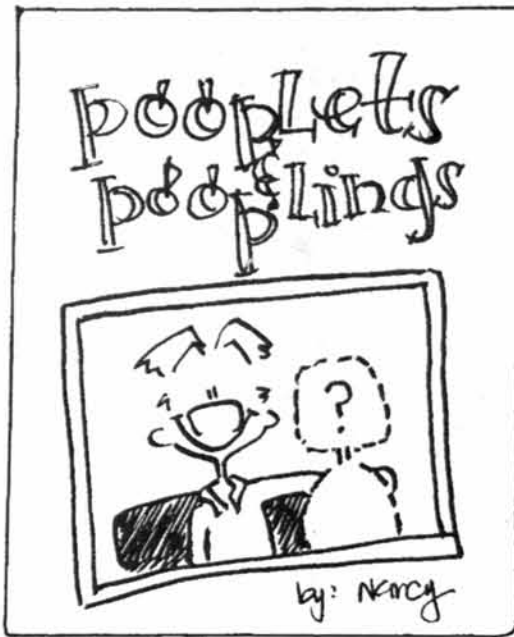
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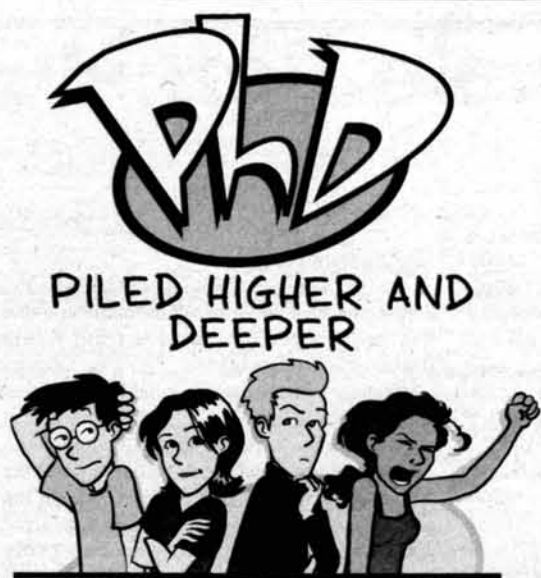
Don't keep all those thoughts to yourself...
Share them with the community!

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MIT: Miscellaneous Institute Trivia

Many Important Trees

- Most of the trees on MIT's campus are labeled with plaques that include a barcode, their genus and species, common name, and number.
- #1635 is an apple tree directly descended from the one under which Isaac Newton supposedly conceived the theory of gravity.
- All twenty-seven trees now located around the food trucks near the Koch Biology Building used to be on the site of the Stata Center.
- Seventeen Ash trees were taken from the Simmons Hall project site and maintained for three years, eventually being replanted near the dormitory.
- After an April snowstorm in 1997 destroyed two crabapple trees flanking the Building 10 Dome in Killian Court, two more crabapples were relocated from East Campus to replace them.

Source: MIT Facilities, MIT Mystery Hunt

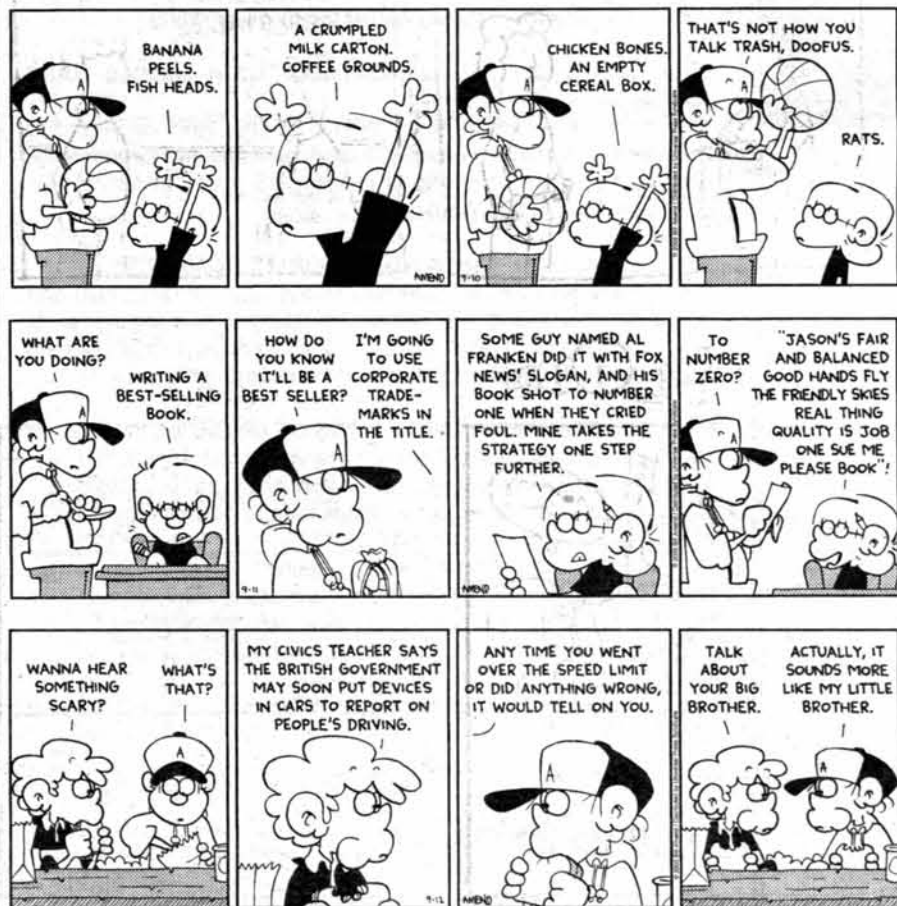
This Week in History

Sep 10, 1974: *The Tech* first reported that the MIT chapter of Sigma Nu (Epsilon Theta) was forced to separate from its national organization at the order of Sigma Nu grand chapter. The house had permitted women to live in the house in 1970 and then elected a woman as the president of the house in 1974. The grand chapter felt that the all-male fraternity could not exist in a co-ed house under the national chapter's policies. The house then became the living group Epsilon Theta. The current Sigma Nu chapter of MIT was refounded in April of 1995, and still retains the chapter name Epsilon Theta.

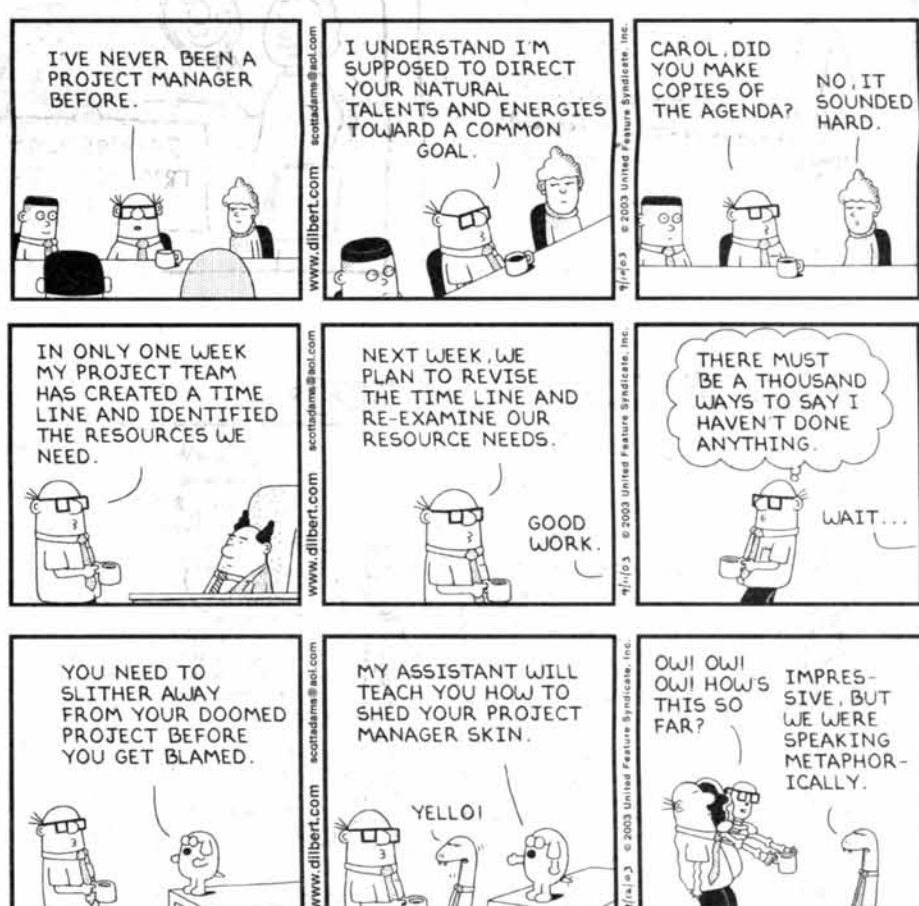
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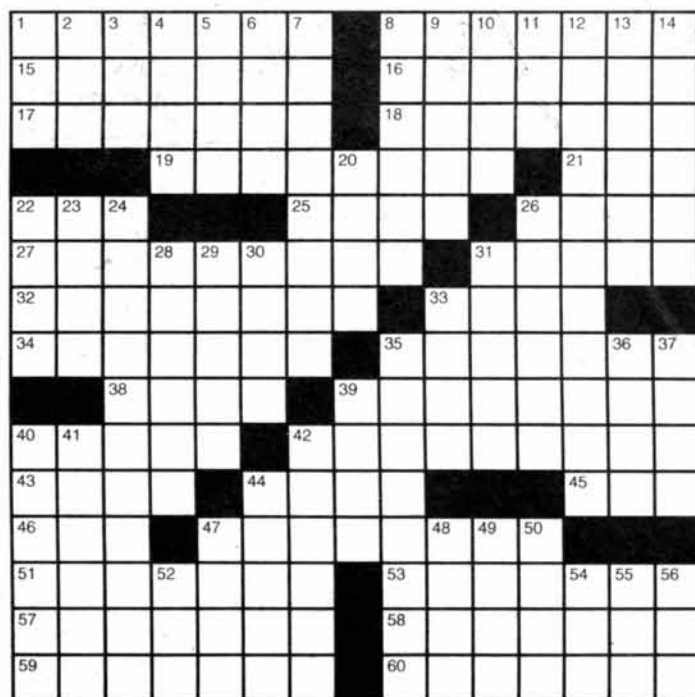
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- Northern European location
 - Makes an indirect reference
 - One standing by
 - Shift
 - Stream of electrons
 - Double-deck game
 - Italian noblewoman
 - Flagged vehicle
 - Silk trap
 - Actress Bonet
 - Ballot
 - Foremen
 - Penalized financially
 - Source of agar
 - Compact Dodge
 - Joy
 - Conferences with

- enemies**
- Beatty and Rorem
 - Choice bit
 - Military unit
 - Eliza of "Pygmalion"
 - Wheel centers
 - Pool sticks
 - Put in stitches
 - Bachelor's last words
 - Long-tailed monkey
 - Removal mark
 - Ousting from office
 - Punishment sticks
 - Repeat
 - Greenstreet and others
 - Peeped

- DOWN**
- Science rm.
 - Amazement
 - Light touch
 - Neeson of "Schindler's List"
 - Gillette shaver
 - At hand
 - Use chemical solvents on silk, e.g.
 - Right to use
 - Capital of Tibet
 - Horne of song
 - Thurman of "The Truth about Cats & Dogs"
 - Breaks a link
 - Will contents
 - Ocean floor
 - Add to staff
 - Sported
 - First name in daredevils

- Lodgings
- Bluish purple
- Scorers
- Lose traction
- Vanities
- Physicist Enrico
- Claw
- Of metric verse
- Christmas season
- Mishmash dish
- Verse form
- Kansas City team
- Meadows of classic TV
- Coercion
- Mariah of music
- Slip-on slipper
- Adam's youngest
- Rapier's cousin
- Ripped apart
- Phoenix hoopster
- Tree fluid
- Broke bread
- Set the pace



Positive Sinking

Gotta Catch 'em All

By Akshay Patil

FEATURES COLUMNIST

Dear Positive Sinking,

What is your position on Friendster? Have you tried it, do you find it silly, is it just Hot or Not with cliques, etc.?

Column

—Booty
Oh, wow, I didn't know my name was "Positive Sinking" now... that was supposed to be the name of the column. My name's Akshay — it should say that right there in the upper left hand corner.

Anyways, I guess you can call me whatever the hell you want, because really, what am I going to do about it anyways? The *sinking@mit.edu* e-mail address is just so that I can do nice filtering things to your e-mail messages and so that if someone (heaven forbid) should want to resume this column when my time is up, the transition would be relatively painless.

I indeed have "tried" Friendster, but I have to say that I'm definitely not sold on the thing. You hit the nail on the proverbial head (by the way, do inanimate objects named after body parts weird you out? I definitely get creeped. I mean, seriously, what's up with your shoe's tongue licking you all the time?) with your hot-or-not-with-cliques comparison. Damn. I wish I'd thought of that one....

You bastard.

I forget when I started hearing about Friendster, but when I did, it was in such glowing terms you'd think the service was the greatest thing since sliced AIM.

People were clamoring about all the hours they had spent on Friendster, how Friendster helped them beat cancer, how Friendster was exactly what California needed in a governor, etc.

When I told them I wasn't on Friendster (in the same exact voice I use to tell people I'm not on cocaine), their faces would contort into strange shapes and they would gush about how I had to sign-up... my very survival in the heady social community that is Internet depended on it.

Worst of all, they would confide in me, Friendster was going to start charging a registration fee soon, so I'd better hurry up and get on the proverbial boat before it proverbially set sail without little ol' proverbial me.

So, what can I say, I registered. I explored, felt around, browsed, checked it out, took a tour, and just plain nosed about. I almost didn't make it that far because the stupid registration form wanted all sorts of personal information that I usually figure random Internet entities have no business knowing.

Luckily for me (and you!), it's a beta with bugs so I got around the hootenanny and was

Friendstering in style without the body cavity search. I had a couple outstanding (think library overdue fees) invitations so I accepted those and went about discovering all the wonderful people I was now "connected" with.

One quickly discovers that Friendster embodies the qualities one (and by "one" I mean "I") tended to hate about high school; shallow with an emphasis on quantity. Good god. It's like Pokemon with people. Gotta catch them all.

The more "friends" you have, the better person you are (naturally) with extra weight given to "testimonials" people write about you. That's how you discover that EVERY SINGLE PERSON in the world is cool, fun to date, awesome in general, a great friend, a total catch for anyone interested. Maybe you gain slightly individualized information like, "He'll drink you under the table," or "She's a party animal," but other than that, you might as well just spin the wheel of compliments and randomly slap a few on ("He likes cheese!" "She smells nice!" "Disease free since 1993!").

And where does the hot-or-not come into all of this? Well, what kind of online community would it be if it didn't have photos of everyone? So now you can sit at your computer and ogle at all the hot friends your

friend's friend has.

Sweet. You still don't know who they are, but maybe now you know their name and that you are indeed four degrees from Kevin Bacon (all 30 of them).

Maybe I'm too harsh. I have to say that when I first heard of the idea, I thought it might actually work — like chat rooms with the guarantee that whoever wandered into the conversation wasn't that far from you in the general social web we weave. But that's not what I've seen so far (not that I've really been looking — I think I log in about once a week to make sure I'm not being rude to anyone who might actually be a friend, but that's about it).

So if your friends aren't cute enough, feel free to log in and explore the heady world of vicarious friendship. If you like collecting things, maybe you can accrue a collection of people that marvels your Yu-Gi-Oh deck, your pog stack, or whatever it is you kids do these days.

Heaven knows I already spend enough time staring at my computer monitor, so for now I'll just have to keep things real, yo.

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8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Blood Drive. Come help save lives by donating blood or volunteering to help with our drive! See our Web page for more information or to make an appointment to donate. A pair of tickets to a Boston Red Sox game will be raffled to donors each day of our September Drive. It is MIT policy to allow employees time off with pay to donate blood at the drives that are sponsored on campus. Free. Room: Student Center - La Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: American Red Cross Team and Network, Blood Drives.

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. - UA Paper Balloting. All undergraduates who did not already vote online for Undergraduate Association Senate, 2007 Class Council and vacant seats on the 2004 Class Council may do so by paper ballot today. You must bring a valid MIT Student ID with you to the polls. This is the final day of voting. Vote now! Free. Room: Lobby 10. Sponsor: Undergraduate Association.

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, (Building 10, Room 10-100). Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Student-led campus tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that campus tours do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Avalon Bay Presentation. Free. Room: W31-301. Sponsor: Center for Real Estate.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Writers Group. New writers are invited to join our weekly Writers Group (sponsored by the Writing and Communication Center). Share a piece of your writing with other interested and supportive writers. Open to all MIT students, staff, faculty, and spouses. Free. Room: 14N-317. Sponsor: Writing and Communication Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - ACDL Seminar. Unified Geometry Access for Analysis and Design. Free. Room: 37-212. Sponsor: Aero/Astro.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - FileMaker Pro Quick Start. This class introduces users to the FileMaker environment and its functions using an existing database as a model. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Australia New Zealand club Pizza Lunch. To welcome new (and not-so-new) Australians and New Zealanders to MIT, the ANZ club is having a pizza lunch in Killian Court this Friday. Starting at 12:30, there'll be plenty of free pizza, sunshine and Violet Crumbles (until AT LEAST 12:34-12:35), so please stop by to welcome the newcomers and catch up with a few old faces. Hope to see you all then!!! Free. Room: Killian Court. Sponsor: Australia - New Zealand club.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Journal Club Presentations. Student Literature Reviews, Oral Presentations (Following presentations, we will resume work in the lab). Free. Room: 68-121. Sponsor: 7.13.

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 a.m. - Joint Mexico City Air Quality Project and MIT-Harvard Seminar Course on Environmental Management. Systems Thinking and Environmental Management Joseph Sussman JR East Professor Civil and Environmental Engineering and Engineering Systems MIT. Free. Room: 54 - 915. Sponsor: Mexico City Project.

1:10 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. - Muslim Friday Prayer. Weekly congregational prayer for Muslims. People of other faiths welcome to attend. Email msa-ec@mit.edu for more information. Free. Room: W11-110. Sponsor: Muslim students' Association.

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center (Building 10, Room 10-100). Sponsor: Information Center.

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Modern Times, Rural Places Seminar. "Insights to Conservation Management and Policy from Ecological History." Free. Room: E51-095. Sponsor: History Office, STS.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - SSL Seminar (Simon Nolet). Autonomous Docking Capabilities Review. Free. Room: 37-212. Sponsor: Aero/Astro.

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - For Graduate Students: Effective Resumes and Cover Letters for Consulting. Graduate students know the basics of how to create a resume and cover letter. What is the secret of making these more effective? Get an employer's perspective on how to tailor your resume for a consulting position. Bring along 3 copies of your current resume or draft for the peer critiquing exercise in this workshop. Preregistration is required, register for this event at <http://web.mit.edu/career/www/workshops.html>. Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Simplical Complexes and Polynomials with Real Zeros. Refreshments at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2-349. Free. Room: Room 2-338. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Graduate Students' Reception for the Student Loan Art Exhibition. Please join us for the Graduate Students' Reception for the Student Loan Art Exhibition. There will be refreshments and music! The exhibition features a collection of over 300 framed prints and works on paper by leading contemporary artists such as Louise Bourgeois, Nancy Spero, Olafur Eliasson, Keith Haring, Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein, Joan Miro, Vik Muniz, Takashi Murakami, Nam June Paik, Lorna Simpson, Rirkrit Tiravanija, and many more. The program offers MIT students the chance to borrow artwork for the school year by lottery. Although only MIT students can borrow art, the exhibition is free and open to the public. It is an opportunity for the broader community to catch a glimpse of these innovative works. Sponsor: List Visual Arts Center.

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - European Club Welcome Reception. Come and welcome new European students and post-docs while enjoying delicious cakes, Tosci's Ice Cream, refreshing drinks and other desserts & candies! Free. Room: Ashdown House (Hulsizer Room). Sponsor: European Club, MIT, GSC Funding Board.

6:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Intro Circus. This is the Outing Club's annual kick-off the year trip. We'll be going up to our cabin in New Hampshire on Friday night, and then on Saturday and Sunday having all sorts of fun trips (including hiking and rock climbing). Check out our Web site for more info. Free. Room: New Hampshire. Sponsor: Outing Club, MIT, GSC Funding Board.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Graduate Christian Fellowship Large Group Fellowship Meeting. Free. Room: Twenty Chimneys (W20-306). Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Eastgate Welcome BBQ. Free. Room: Eastgate BBQ area. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Eastgate Community Association.

7:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. - MIT Anime Club Weekly Showing. Showing schedule TBA. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT.

7:00 p.m. - Act One: Light Years. All-freshman One Week Wonder of play by Billy Aronson, directed by Dan Liston '05. One-week wonders are staged readings of plays rehearsed and performed in a single week. Performances at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Free. Room: Rinaldi (E33). Sponsor: Dramashop.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Hope Not Hate. Join Rep. Stephen Lynch, Islamic Society of Boston, and *Boston Globe* for a forum on US-Islamic relations. The Boston Town Hall is part of a broader nationwide initiative called "Hope not Hate" that seeks to facilitate broad, inclusive discussions on how the Islamic world and the United States can work together to stem growing hatred of one another. Feeling that September 11 should be reserved as a day of mourning and commemoration, we have chosen to hold "Hope not Hate" on September 12, 2003, to symbolize a rise to action out of the ashes of tragedy. Free. Room: 54-100. Sponsor: Undergraduate LGBT Community. Americans for Informed Democracy.

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Bible Study. Is there more to life than grad school? We believe the answer is "YES!" Come study the word of God with us. There will be dinner provided and games afterward. Free. Room: 26-310. Sponsor: Asian Baptist Student Koinonia Graduate Division, GSC Funding Board.

8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Sangam Movies. Screening of popular movies. Please subscribe to sangam-request@mit.edu. Free. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sangam.

8:00 p.m. - "Into the Woods." Stephen Sondheim's musical. \$9, \$8 MIT community/other students/seniors, \$6 MIT/Wellesley students, \$3 new MIT students; group rates available in advance. Room: Kresge Little theater. Sponsor: Musical Theatre Guild, MIT.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - SOCIAL JUSTICE COOPERATIVE FRIDAY MOVIE. Documentaries and historic films on topics of domestic and foreign politics. Free. Room: 4-231. Sponsor: MIT Social Justice Cooperative.

8:00 p.m. - Act One: Light Years. Free. Room: Rinaldi (E33). Sponsor: Dramashop.

8:00 p.m. - Kushal Das, sitar and Swapan Chaudhuri, tabla. Heralded as the heir-apparent to his idol, the late Nikhil Banerjee, Kushal Das is the sitarist has created a great sensation for his exciting and emotional treatment of raga. \$18, \$14—members, \$10—students. Room: Wong Auditorium. Sponsor: MITHAS (MIT Heritage of South Asia) in cooperation with Sangam.

11:59 p.m. - Deadline: Student-Written One-Act Play Script Submissions. Dramashop (<http://web.mit.edu/dramashop/www>) fall production of student-written, student-directed one acts. See web for submission info. Free. Room: box at Dramashop Office (basement of Kresge across from Rehearsal Rm A). Sponsor: Dramashop.

Saturday, September 13

12:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. - Intro Circus. Free. Room: New Hampshire. Sponsor: Outing Club, MIT, GSC Funding Board.

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Graduate Student Volunteer Day IV. GSVD (Graduate Student Volunteer Day) IV is a little over a week away (September 13) and you will want to participate this year! We've got some great sites set up with fantastic team leaders, including a number of fellow GSVCSers. The event promises to be a great day of getting out into our community and making a difference while meeting new people. Please hop on over to our registration website: <http://web.mit.edu/gsc/www/programs/gsvd/> to read about this year's participants and to sign yourself up for a site. Free. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Graduate Student Volunteer Corps (GSVC).

9:00 a.m. - Varsity Water Polo Invitational. Free. Room: Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center Pool. Sponsor: Physical Education, Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - CSSA: Career Development Series — Jobs in Suzhou Industrial Park. Suzhou Industrial Park is a cooperative project by the Chinese government and its the Singaporean counterpart. The goal of Suzhou Industrial Park is to become a modern international park led by the new and high technologies, with modern industrial as its main structure complemented by tertiary industry and social amenities. Free. Room: MIT, Room 4-270. Sponsor: Chinese Student and Scholar Association, Graduate Student Council, MIT CSSA, MIT Chinese Postdoc Club, MIT Talent Forum, MIT GSC.

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Master Class by Dancer/Choreographer Alexandra Beller. No prior dance experience necessary, just an interest. Wear comfy shoes and clothes you can move in. Bring water. Alexandra Beller, former member of the internationally renowned Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, has performed in over 50 countries and throughout the United States and has been a featured dancer in "Max Roach's America." Beller has also done film work and was the collaborator and subject of a recent series of photographs by Irving Penn entitled "Dancer," which was exhibited at the Whitney Museum in Spring 2002. Free. Room: Walker 201. Sponsor: Theater Arts.

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Varsity Women's Soccer vs. Alumnae. Free. Sponsor: Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation, Women's Varsity Soccer.

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Welcome BBQ. Come see old friends or meet someone new at the first-ever event from ULC (formerly FAQ's). Whether you're gay or questioning, you'll find friendly LGBT people with whom to talk. Free. Room: MacGregor BBQ pits. Sponsor: Undergraduate LGBT Community.

1:00 p.m. - Varsity Women's Tennis vs. Wheaton. Free. Room: DuPont Tennis Courts/JB Carr Tennis Bubble. Sponsor: Physical Education, Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

1:00 p.m. - Welcome Back Lunch. New incoming freshmen will get a chance to meet other Persians and enjoy the real authentic Persian food: kabab! Free. Room: Meet at the Steps of Student Center. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Persian Students Association of MIT.

2:00 p.m. - Varsity Men's Cross Country. Free. Sponsor: Physical Education, Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

4:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - TMRC Build Time. These are our normal meetings, where we build the layout. Free. Room: N52-118. Sponsor: Tech Model Railroad Club (TMRC).

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Green Hall Fall Barbecue. Whether you are a new or continuing student at MIT, come with your friends or come to make new friends, enjoy the mouth-watering food and join in fun games such as badminton and volleyball!!! Free. Room: Baker Barbecue Pits. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Green Hall.

7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival cruise party and Chinese Concert. To celebrate the traditional Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival, MIT CSSA will hold a Cruise Party on September 13 (Saturday) on a luxurious three deck boat. This year we have an extraordinary program. We will hold a dancing party on the first floor. We will have a Chinese traditional musical performance by many highly renowned professionals on the second floor. We are also very grateful that we are able to invite a special guest, a celebrated singer from Korea. She will give her famous solo performance that night. On the third floor, there will be the gentle moonlight, the soft breeze, the ocean and the sky in sight, we will leave the romance to you. For more details and the most updated information about the party and performance please refer to our website. \$18 - Regular, \$10 MIT card holder. Room: Boston Harbor, One Long Wharf, Boston MA 02110. Sponsor: Chinese Student and Scholar Association, Graduate Student Council.

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8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Sangam Movie Special. Movie Screenings. Free. Room: 2-105. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sangam.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Patrol. Travel to strange new classrooms. Meet interesting, unusual people, and kill them! Patrol is a high-action game of live combat with rubber-dart guns. Shoot your friends, then watch out as they try to take their revenge. Free. Room: 36-115. Sponsor: Assassins' Guild, MIT.

8:00 p.m. - "Into the Woods." \$9, \$8 MIT community/other students/seniors, \$6 MIT/Wellesley students, \$3 new MIT students; group rates available in advance. Room: Kresge Little theater. Sponsor: Musical Theatre Guild, MIT.

Sunday, September 14

12:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Intro Circus. Free. Room: New Hampshire. Sponsor: Outing Club, MIT, GSC Funding Board.

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - MIT Cultural Treasure Hunt. Participants will form groups of various sizes and depart from the S-P residence. Their main objective will be to explore Cambridge and Boston and answer cultural questions on a wide variety of topics such as music, art, geography, languages, sports, etc. The participants will progress from one stop to another by following the provided clues. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: 60 questions, 6 clues and one treasure to find. Participants should try to answer the maximum number of questions, head to the places implied by the clues (organizers will be waiting for them there), and try to get the treasure. Points will be given separately to each of these tasks. 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.: Lunch break with the organizers. Lunch will be discounted. 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Same scenario as in the first part. The group that scores the highest number of points will win the Treasure Hunt. Bonus points will be likely given to those who finish each part before time. By visiting many important cultural venues, new students will learn more of what Cambridge and Boston have to offer. Open to MIT Community. More details can be found at http://s-p.mit.edu/calendar/view_entry.php?id=407&date=20030914. \$2. Room: Cambridge/Boston. Sponsor: Sidney-Pacific House Council, GSC Funding Board, GSC Activities, Fleet Bank.

10:30 a.m. - Varsity Water Polo Invitational. Free. Room: Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center Pool. Sponsor: Physical Education, Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Foxwoods Casino. This is your chance to earn big bucks! \$10/\$15. Room: Foxwoods, CN (Depart Ashdown House). Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - CSSA Ping-Pong Tournament. This is the 1st Fall CSSA Ping-Pong tournament. Free to all MIT students. Room: Dupont, Court 1. Sponsor: Chinese Student and Scholar Association, Graduate Student Council, Sponsored by GSC and CSSA.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - International Folk Dancing beginners' class. International folk dancing beginners' class. Note: We will move to La Sala de Puerto Rico (on the second floor of the Student Center) if it is available. MIT/Wellesley students free; \$1 donation (or more) requested from others. Room: Student Center room 491. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club.

Monday, September 15

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, (Building 10, Room 10-100). Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Photos with Tim the Beaver. Free. Room: Lobby 10. Sponsor: MIT Libraries Communications Program.

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - MacPartners. Meeting of MIT MacPartners user group. Feature presentation will be the Macintosh G5 by Apple Computer. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: MIT User Groups.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Journal Club Presentations. Student Literature Reviews, Oral Presentations (Following presentations, we will resume work in the lab). Free. Room: 68-121. Sponsor: 7.13.

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center (Building 10, Room 10-100). Sponsor: Information Center.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Monday Research Seminar. From Bare to Renormalized Polyakov Loops, and onto Matrix Models for the Deconfining Phase Transition. free. Room: Center for Theoretical Physics-Building 6-3rd floor seminar room. Sponsor: Laboratory for Nuclear Science.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - For Graduate Students: Effective Resumes and Cover Letters. Graduate students know the basics of how to create a resume and cover letter. What is the secret of making these more effective? Get an employer's perspective on how to tailor your resume for a non-academic position. Bring along 3 copies of your current resume or draft for the peer critiquing exercise in this workshop. Preregistration is required, register for this event at <http://web.mit.edu/career/www/workshops.html>. Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Science of Harm. STS Colloquium — The Science of Harm: Forensic Anthropology and the Making of Human Rights Facts in Guatemala. Free. Room: E1-095. Sponsor: STS.

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Rainbow Lounge Open House. The Rainbow Lounge is a space for MIT's LGBT community to gather, meet, study, and get information and is the home to student groups and a resource library. Fall 2003 open hours have not yet been scheduled — stop by the Open House to check out the lounge, sign out books or movies, and get fall hours information. Free. Room: 50-306. Sponsor: lgbt@mit.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Mechanics Seminar: "Modeling of the non-equilibrium flowfield around space vehicles and in microscopic devices." Free. Room: 3-370. Sponsor: Mechanical Engineering Department.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Environmental Fluid Mechanics Seminar: From sliding paper to crawling snails: novel applications of thin films. Free. Room: 1-350. Sponsor: Engineering & Environmental Mechanics Group.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - "Marino-Vafa Formula." Free. Room: 2-143. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar, Mathematics, Department of.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - A New Kind of Science. Reception at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2-290. Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Applied Mathematics Colloquium. Department of Mathematics.

5:30 p.m. - "The People In and out of Place: The Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall"—Event Places Symposium: Richard Kurin, Director of the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. Participation in Fall Department of Urban Studies and Planning seminar. Respondent: MIT Associate Provost for the Arts Alan Brody. Free. Room: Rm 10-485. Sponsor: Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Boston Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay Ray Devils. The Boston Red Sox are one of the best baseball teams, the pride and joy of Boston. Watch them take on the Tampa Bay Ray Devils. \$10 / \$15. Room: Fenway Park (Depart Ashdown House). Sponsor: GSC Orientation.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Easyrider movie night. We will be showing "The Wild One" in room 2-105 for your viewing pleasure. Food will accompany this memorable movie featuring motorcycles. Yet another quality easy rider event; they just never stop coming. Free. Room: 2-105. Sponsor: Easy Rider: The MIT Motorcycle Club, GSC Funding Board.

7:30 p.m. - MIT IDEAS Competition Kickoff. Interested in developing an idea for a product or program that meets community needs either in the United States or abroad? Do you already have an idea and are looking for resources and people to help make it happen? Come to the IDEAS Competition Kick-Off event. We'll give out application packets, explain how to enter the 2003-2004 competition and help you get started on developing your ideas. Open to everyone. Refreshments will be provided. Email ideas-admin@mit.edu to RSVP. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: MIT IDEAS Competition.

9:00 p.m. - LIVEmusic@theEAR: Lenny Solomon. Lenny Solomon is an accomplished folk musician. He'll be playing solo tonight, getting back to his folk roots. All original songs on the guitar and harmonica. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub.

Tuesday, September 16

10:00 a.m. - Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center, (Building 10, Room 10-100). Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Giveaways and Libraries Information. Free. Room: Stratton Student Center. Sponsor: MIT Libraries Communications Program.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Stellar Quick Start. Stellar 1.4, the latest release of MIT's online teaching and learning management system, enables instructional staff to easily create a class Web site while offering students easy access to class information. This session will demonstrate how to use Stellar's Instructor Toolset to securely post class readings and announcements, manage homework assignments and submissions, facilitate online class discussions and more. For further information, see: <http://stellar.mit.edu/>. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

2:00 p.m. - Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center (Building 10, Room 10-100). Sponsor: Information Center.

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Complex Pattern Formation in Two-Phase Microfluidic Devices. Free. Room: Building 2, Room 2-338. Sponsor: Physical Mathematics Seminar.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - MITea Time — Culture Exchange — English Chinese Class. Our free English class is good for newcomers to get started on their English conversations in a very friendly environment. It is also good for people who have interest in learning the American culture, American lifestyles, etc. Lots of interesting topics and discussions will be a good start for your English learning. Feel free to come and have wonderful discussions with our native English-speaking teachers. Refreshment will be served. Free. Room: 24-402. Sponsor: Chinese Student and Scholar Association, Graduate Student Council. Sponsor by MIT CSSA and GSC.

4:00 p.m. - Varsity Women's Tennis vs. Clark. Free. Room: DuPont Tennis Courts/JB Carr Tennis Bubble. Sponsor: Physical Education, Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

4:00 p.m. - MechSeminar: Which are the Best Sealing and Drainage Systems for the new Railway Tunnels of the AlpTransit Projects? Free. Room: 1-350. Sponsor: Engineering & Environmental Mechanics Group.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Nuclear Theory Seminar. Effective Theories of Dense Hadronic Matter. free. Room: Center for Theoretical Physics-bldg. 6, third floor seminar room. Sponsor: Laboratory for Nuclear Science.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - MIT Germany Program Orientation. Free. Room: E38-714 (292 Main Street, 7th Fl Conf Rm). Sponsor: Center for International Studies.

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Smart Resumes, Cover Letters and CVs. Learn the fundamentals of creating strategic resumes, coverletters and CVs. Please register for this workshop at <http://web.mit.edu/career/www/workshops.html>. Free. Room: 4-163. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - MIT e-club weekly Tuesday meeting. The regular weekly Tuesday meeting of the MIT entrepreneurs club, aka: the e-club, an MIT service organization, where students, faculty, staff and alum gather to pitch, hear, crit and discuss their new science and technology start-up ideas, network, build 50K or independent founders' teams, and more; stay for our MIT 6-credit seminar SEM.095 on tech start-ups (SEM.089 in fall term). Free. Room: 56-114. Sponsor: Entrepreneurs Club.

6:00 p.m. - Varsity Women's Field Hockey vs. Salve Regina. Free. Room: Jack Barry Field. Sponsor: Physical Education, Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation.

6:30 p.m. - "Motopia". Architecture lecture by Jennifer Siegal, Office of Mobile Design, Venice, CA. Free. Room: Rm 10-250. Sponsor: Department of Architecture.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Graduate Student News Meeting. Free. Room: 50-220 (Walker Memorial). Sponsor: GSC Meetings.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Origami Paper Folding. From sea-life to colorful, geometric structures for shows, we fold it all. Come fold paper with us at our bi-monthly, low-key origami sessions. Often one of our more advanced members begins with a short talk about folding theory/research or presents an original model. Our membership consists of many beginners as well as some nationally recognized folders. Want to fold those angelfish to hang from your ceiling, learn how to fold that tiny foil unicorn for your roommate's gift, or fold something huge as a team? This is the place to make it happen. Bring your favorite origami books and come see ours. Confront your fears — a therapeutic way to get your mind completely off your day for an hour with fun people who will teach you anything you need to know. Free. Room: 4-144. Sponsor: Origami.

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - LIVEmusic@theEAR: Lenny Solomon. Lenny Solomon is an accomplished folk musician. He'll be playing solo tonight, getting back to his folk roots. All original songs on the guitar and harmonica. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub.

FEATURES

UA Q&A

By Harel Williams
and Rose Grabowski

UA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dear UA,
I just found out that elections for class of 2007 officers closed online at midnight last night — but I so desperately wanted to write in the new Walker Noodle Bar as my class VP. Is there any way I can still do this?

—Touched by a Noodle

You are correct that online voting closed last night, but the election is not over. There will be a voting booth in Lobby 10 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. today for undergrads to vote for both Senate and Class Council elections. Your Noodle Bar may win yet.

Pssst... UA,

Yo, keep this on the DL. I'm running for a UA Senate position, but I'm afraid I'm going to lose. But, let's say I offer to perform some "favors" for certain "members" of the election commission. Would that seal the deal?

—Whatever It Takes

Unfortunately, bribery of any kind is against the election code and simply immoral. However, if you do lose, we'll be sure to put your "talents" to good use. For example, there are various committees one can join such as the nominations committee and the public relations committee. We would personally recommend the PR committee to a creative individual like you who's willing to go the extra "mile."

Dear UA,

A few weeks ago I read the section of your column that explained the role of the sexiest man in the UA (i.e. Pius Uzamere II, UA president) — but what about the sexiest woman? Who is she and what does she do?

—Stalker Richard

Funny you should ask because we happen to have a very powerful and extremely hot woman in the UA, Ling Wong, who is speaker of the Senate. This is basically parallel to UA president, with the president being head of the executive branch and the speaker being head of the legislative branch. You can catch Ling in action at Senate meetings every other Monday starting Sept. 15.

Does anyone actually ask you questions? It seems like you guys just make this stuff up at 2 a.m. before a deadline.

—Skep Tickle

Unfortunately, we have received very few actual questions to date. Maybe students feel they can't match our sarcastic wit, but to be honest, all the questions we created ourselves have been based on actual questions received in person, albeit "spiced up" before going to print. E-mail us questions. Seriously. We can't be this creative all semester.

GOT MORE QUESTIONS? E-mail uaqa@mit.edu with your quizzicality. Want more information? Visit <http://web.mit.edu/ua/www/uaqa>.

Sex and the Saferide

The Dos and Don'ts of Dorm Sex

By Alexia Summers

This is dedicated to those inexperienced freshmen residing in the MIT dorms. Contrary to popular belief, MIT students do get some. And as college students, there are some basic guidelines one should follow in order to maintain a "friendly" and "safe" dorm environment:

Do establish a system with your roommate.

This is an important must for college life. Hang a tie on your door or put a code word on the whiteboard to let your roommate know that you're "busy" and he shouldn't come in. This will save both you, your "friend," and your roommate from a particularly awkward situation.

Don't have sex in your room if your roommate is sleeping, studying, or in the room at all.

Just because your roommate can't see it doesn't mean he or she won't notice. Keep in mind, there really is no such thing as silent sex.

Do take advantage of all dorm facilities.

Hey, it's college. It's a time for exploration, especially of the sexual kind.

Don't get caught in the act.

If both of you are going to take a quick shower, don't open the door until the coast is clear. I don't want to know who's in there.

Do close your door when initiating intimate activities.

Keep your private life private. Open doors

not only allow passerbys a chance to gawk but also create witnesses. Who knows, you might regret it later?

Don't entertain the entire dorm with your carnal opera.

Some of us have to live next to you and focus on things a little less exciting, like problem sets for example. Although we're happy you're having a pleasurable time, it's just not giving us that same feeling. Try setting the mood with some romantic music to drown out some of the noise. Your neighbors will thank you later.

Do tidy up afterwards.

Condoms are only used once, and they should only be seen once. Not only is it disgusting to see someone's used sex artifacts, but it's also unsanitary.

Don't answer your door wrapped in a blanket or half-naked.

At least pretend you're not in the middle of... something. Take an extra 35 seconds to throw on shorts and a t-shirt. The person on the other end will appreciate it.

Do use your own bed.

If this isn't obvious to you, you should probably just stop reading. Respecting personal property is a must if you want to have any sort of amicable relationship with your roommate.

Don't take all the emergency condoms for yourself.

If you're having sex on a regular basis, don't be cheap. Buy your own condoms. Just think, some poor MIT student might have the opportunity to have sex for the first time, but low and behold, there are no condoms left. Therefore, the poor virgin remains.

Do invite your partner to visit.

It's ok to sexile your roommate every once in a while. Just be sure to return the favor.

Don't allow your partner to sleep over every night if you have a roommate.

Although it can be pretty tempting, you must resist. Your roommate won't appreciate you bringing another person into an already overcrowded space. Sorry, you should have gotten a single.

Do close the blinds on your windows.

Oops, did you forget that people could see in your window? Yes, people often look into windows, especially those that are across from their own. And remember, not everyone wants a show.

Do take the Walk of Shame with pride.

It's the morning after, you're walking back to your dorm, and your only choice of clothing is your party clothes from last night. Chances are someone will notice. Try to leave as early as possible. Remember, it's MIT, no one gets up before 11 a.m. And if someone stares at you, think to yourself, what were you doing last night?

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Focus shifts to publicity guidelines

While Nilsson's arguments have been grounded in safety and aesthetics, Collins' note to Goler referred instead to a publicity guidelines enacted by the Sidney-Pacific house government.

Robert M. Randolph, a senior associate dean for students and the housemaster of Bexley, said the only rule Goler's flag violates is this policy.

The policy prohibits "posters" hung in public areas, such as the exterior of the building. Sidney-Pacific President Krishnan Sriram G said last month that the policy refers to any publicity materials.

Goler criticized the administration for repeatedly changing its arguments.

"When someone generally throws out a laundry list, they're obviously trying to throw everything at me and hope that something sticks," Goler said.

As for the safety issue, a representative of the Cambridge Office of Fire Prevention said that hanging a flag from a window would not be a problem from a safety standpoint.

A flag "really can't affect the building at all," he said.

The official added that while a flag was not a fire hazard as long as it was not blocking a window, he did not expect MIT to allow dormitory residents to hang flags "for cosmetic reasons."

Flags still fly at Bexley

Meanwhile across campus, the policies about hanging items outside of windows is inconsistent.

Jonathan Battat '05 said he had never been asked to remove the two

Israeli flags from his windows at Bexley Hall, nor had any of the other residents of the room who have flown the flag for the past three years.

"I think it's clear that every administrator at MIT [has] seen those flags and [has] not had a problem with it," Battat said.

"I'm not aware of any regulation or standard that these flags violate," he said.

In the past, Nilsson and others have said Battat's flags went through an approval process.

At EC, flag taken down

However, at East Campus, Jeremy Baskin '04 was asked to bring his Canadian flag inside his window. In an e-mail to Baskin, Nilsson cited the same reasons she gave Goler.

Baskin said it seemed that prior to the controversy over Goler's flag, the rules being applied to him and his Canadian flag "didn't exist or weren't being enforced."

Instead, he said, it appeared they "were constructed in the aftermath of a bigoted complaint in another dorm." The original complaint against Goler's flag was that the complainant found it offensive.

Administrators have acknowl-

edged the nature of the original complaint, but have said that since they were made aware of the flag, they applied rules as they would have in any other case, citing various student-mounted banners they say were removed for safety reasons.

Nilsson suggests education

In their conversation Wednesday, Nilsson "kept inviting me to direct my energies toward educational ways of publicizing my political opinions," Goler said.

Nilsson said she suggested organizing such things as "diversity training ... [and] discussions about the Middle East and diversity."

"I have offered to stand up and do this with him," she said.

"She really tried to deflect the conversation away from anything relating to the flag itself," Goler said.

He said she was offering these options "as a substitute for hanging [the flag] out my window," but "I think they're beside the point."

Nilsson also said a display of several flags, including an Israeli flag, was being assembled in the main lobby of Sidney-Pacific.

Jeremy Baskin is an Arts Editor for The Tech.

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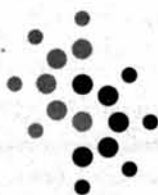
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Student EMTs run campus ambulance service

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In the summer of 2000, graduate student Mike Folkert (MIT '98), who first earned his EMT (emergency medical technician) certification as a high school student in North Dakota, got together with other interested students to form the Student Emergency Medicine Society (SEMS) and proposed offering first-responder training on campus. But as SEMS members and administrators started discussing how the new group would fit into MIT's current emergency medical response system, the scope of the project began expanding.

"Student demand for confidential transport services was a major catalyst," notes SEMS chief Samuel Schweighart, a graduate student in aerospace engineering. "The administration saw our group as a solution."

"At that time, Campus Police were running the medical calls," explains Nick Wyhs '05, director of ambulance operations. "But they had a conflict of interest acting both as EMTs and as police officers, especially when alcohol or drugs were involved."

"In some ways it was obvious," says MIT Medical's medical director, William Kettyle, M.D. "We had an underutilized ambulance; we had experienced student EMTs and more students interested; and we had a community needing emergency transport. It's no surprise that MIT students could come up with a plan that used MIT resources, met community needs, and fit the culture of the Institute."

After running courses in 2001 and 2002, each beginning with 130 hours of classroom instruction, the student EMT base reached a critical mass. The new ambulance service made its debut during the summer of 2002.

Approximately 60 student EMTs now staff the emergency service every evening and four overnights per week. With an intimate knowledge of the campus, SEMS boasts an average response time of two minutes. The group also provides coverage for MIT athletic events and commencement and does scheduled patient transfers between MIT Medical's inpatient unit and area hospitals.

A new ambulance is arriving soon, while a move to 24-hour coverage and a new ambulance bay are in the works. "MIT Medical is working with Campus Police, Environmental Health and Safety, and the Dean for Student Life to find a suitable location for the ambulance bay and to fund its construction," Kettyle notes. "It's collaboration like this that has enabled us to improve emergency services on campus."

Working as an EMT and volunteering for SEMS are "the best jobs imaginable," says EMT Karen Keller '04. "What's not to like about saving lives?" she asks. "And," she adds, "You haven't experienced driving until you've driven down Mass. Ave., through red lights, on the wrong side of the road, accompanied by lights and sirens!"

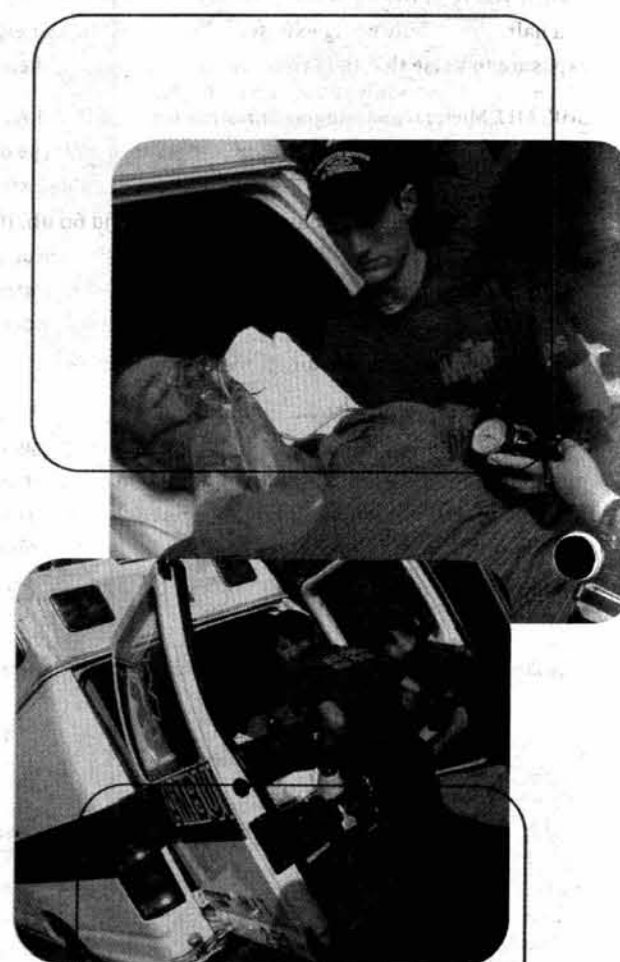


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EMTs Samuel Schweighart and Justine Wang '06 are two of more than 60 volunteer EMTs staffing the Student Emergency Medical Service at MIT. Both also work part time for off-campus, professional ambulance services.

Schweighart obtained his EMT certification as an undergraduate at the University of Illinois, while Wang completed her training here at MIT. "Training involved long hours during IAP," Wang says. "The hardest thing for MIT students was being awake that early every morning!"

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are headphones safe?

Dear MedLink: My music listening habits are creating a conflict with my roommates' quieter ways. I sympathize with them and want to buy headphones for my stereo, but I am concerned about warnings that headphones can be harmful to one's hearing. Can a couple hours of listening really lead to deafness? —Concerned Music Lover

Dear Concerned: I'm an avid music listener, too. And when my neighbors started complaining about the "cacophony" coming from my room, my solution was headphones. But until receiving your question, I hadn't even thought about their potential for harm. So, thanks for raising the issue!

In researching this answer, I was surprised to learn that many portable audio players can be turned up as high as 114 decibels! How loud is that? Well, if you're at the Kendall Square T station when the subway train grinds to a halt, you're only being exposed to about 90 dB. Just eight hours of exposure to noise that loud could result in permanent hearing damage.

Still, MIT Medical audiologist Christine Rabinowitz, M.A., CCC-A, tells me there is no risk in using headphones to listen to any type of music, for any length of time, as long as it is played at a comfortable listening level. This is about the level of normal conversation, or around 60 dB. If your roommates can hear music "leaking" from your headphones, it's probably too loud. And if the music sounds distorted, if your ears buzz while listening, or if your hearing feels slightly muffled or you have difficulty understanding speech in noisy places after listening, it's definitely too loud.

You should also take frequent listening breaks to avoid "listening fatigue," a decreasing sensitivity to sound levels over time that may prompt you to turn up the volume as you continue to listen. Rabinowitz also warns against headphone use with loud background noise levels—for example, if someone is humming nearby. "In situations like that, you will automatically increase the volume without realizing the intensity is too much for your ears," she says.

Thanks again for raising an important issue, and happy listening! —Victoria '06

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Do you have a question? Send it by email to askamedlink@mit.edu, submit it anonymously using the online form at <http://web.mit.edu/medlinks/www/>, or use campus mail (Ask A MedLink, E23-405). We can't respond individually, but we'll answer as many questions as we can in this space. And you can always feel free to talk with a MedLink in person; see web.mit.edu/medlinks/www/ to find the MedLink(s) in your living group.

Sexual assault resources

Sexual assault is one of the most prevalent and most underreported crimes in the United States, especially on college campuses. Whether the assailant is a stranger, an acquaintance, a friend, or a date, it is important to know where to turn for help and what to do if you or a friend is assaulted.

Medical treatment, emotional support, counseling, and access to legal information are available through a variety of on-campus and community resources:

Emergency Care

Campus Police 100 (campus phone); 24 hours
MIT Medical Urgent Care x3-1311; 24 hours
MIT Medical Mental Health Service x3-2916; 24 hours
Dean on call Contact through Campus Police at x3-1212; 24 hours

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General Information x3-4481
Mental Health Service x3-2916; Counseling, evaluation, treatment, crisis intervention, and referral
Health Promotion x3-1316; Health consultation, advice on helping a friend, information, speakers, programs, and referral

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Choosing a doctor

All students should choose a personal physician from within MIT Medical's Internal Medicine Service. Personal physicians provide routine care and referrals. Brief bios of our doctors are available online at <http://web.mit.edu/medical/service/intmed.htm>.

New students can choose a personal physician by completing the physician choice form, available online at <http://web.mit.edu/medical/service/persphys.htm#choosing>, or by calling Claims and Member Services at x3-5979.

Most returning students already have a personal physician. If you've forgotten your doctor's name, call x3-4481. To change your personal physician, simply follow the instructions for choosing a physician.

Making an appointment

Internal Medicine appointments are available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Call your doctor's office directly to make an appointment.

Same-day appointments are usually available for patients who are sick. If your doctor is not available, you may be able to see another doctor or nurse practitioner.

Appointments in the Mental Health Service are available from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and until 5 p.m. on Friday, except holidays. To make an appointment, call x3-2916. You'll be offered a 20-minute, same-day phone consultation with a mental health clinician, and you'll get an initial appointment within a week. For individuals with urgent concerns, Mental Health also offers walk-in hours Monday through Friday from 2-4 p.m.

Urgent Care

Care for urgent medical needs is available 24 hours a day, every day. No appointments are needed, but sickest patients are given priority. In general, waiting times are shortest before 11 a.m. Call the Urgent Care Service at x3-1311 (617-253-1311 from off campus) day or night for advice. If you can't come in on your own, call Campus Police at 100 or x3-1212 to contact the 24-hour student ambulance service.

Dean's Office

Counseling and Support Services (5-104) x3-4861; Counseling and referral

Campus Police

Crime Prevention and Sensitive Crime Unit x3-9755; Reporting, legal advice, and speakers
SafeRide x8-6510; Safe shuttle service in and around campus

Student-to-Student Resources

Nightline x3-8800; Peer listening hotline, 7 p.m.-7 a.m. during semester
MedLinks x3-1318, web.mit.edu/medlinks/www/; Basic health information and referral; find MedLinks serving each dorm or residence through Web site

Off Campus

Beth Israel Hospital Rape Crisis Center 617-667-8141; Treatment and evidence collection
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center 617-492-RAPE (7273); 24-hour hotline, counseling, medical and legal assistance, community outreach and education programs
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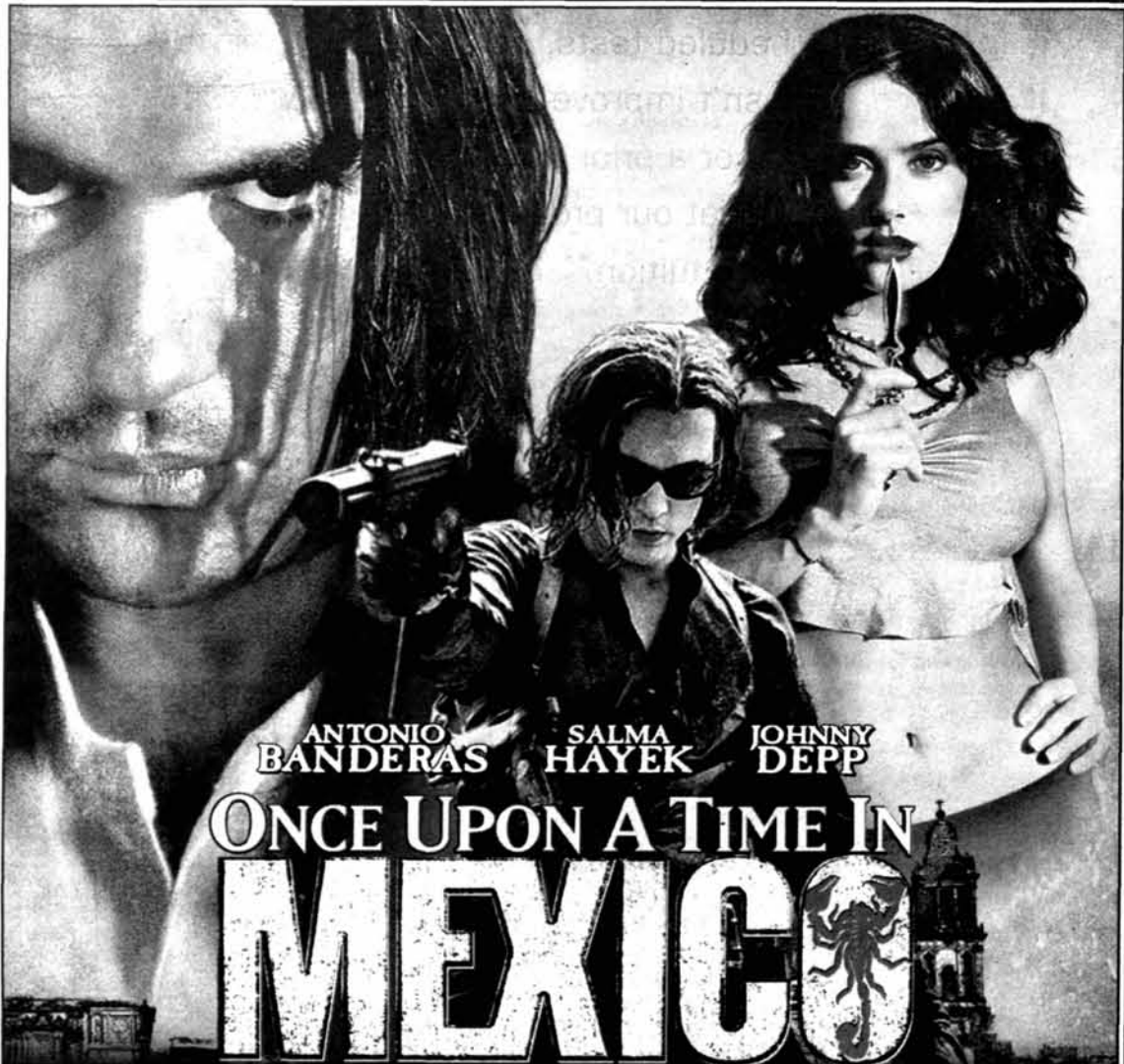


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MIT Allows Rooftop Events for TDC Rush

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the officers that they were trespassing on the fraternity's property.

Wilcox, Sullivan, and DiGregorio said that a ceramic plate thrown from the TDC roof scratched and dented a car parked on a side street. The officers said they saw plates of the same kind on the roof at the party. TDC denied the officers' allegations.

Presley H. Cannady '02, who is not a member of TDC, claimed responsibility at the hearing for bringing a case of beer to the party. Later, Cannady testified that there was alcohol at the party before he got there and that "pretty much all of us had been drinking."

The police mentioned Cannady as the one cooperative person at the scene as he spoke to the car's owner to try to resolve the situation.

Cannady said that the officers "showed remarkable restraint" as the partygoers were "basically cussing in their face."

Measures taken against TDC

Halperin said at the hearing that TDC required Wagner to undergo alcohol counseling, perform community service, and put together a dry event for the fraternity to edu-

cate the other members about the dangers of alcoholism.

Dan E. Geer '72, president of the TDC house corporation, said at the hearing that the alumni are "doggedly dedicated to the idea of personal responsibility." Geer said the alumni have "had it," and monitoring of the house from now on "will be invasive."

Geer said that Wagner had been banned from TDC. Halperin said he was unaware of this decision before the hearing.

Barnes said that Wagner "should have been arrested" that night and that "he should be sitting in front of a judge" now.

The house corporation added that they required TDC members to sign a list of rules that included regulations for alcohol in the house. The brothers signed these bylaws in the presence of the alumni.

Despite the penalties, MIT allowed TDC to hold rooftop parties during Rush. Barnes said that he "did not care about the sanctity of Rush."

Rogers said the house was allowed to host parties because Rush parties are usually small and dry. TDC hosted a roof party on Saturday night during the beginning of Rush. A police officer supervised the event.

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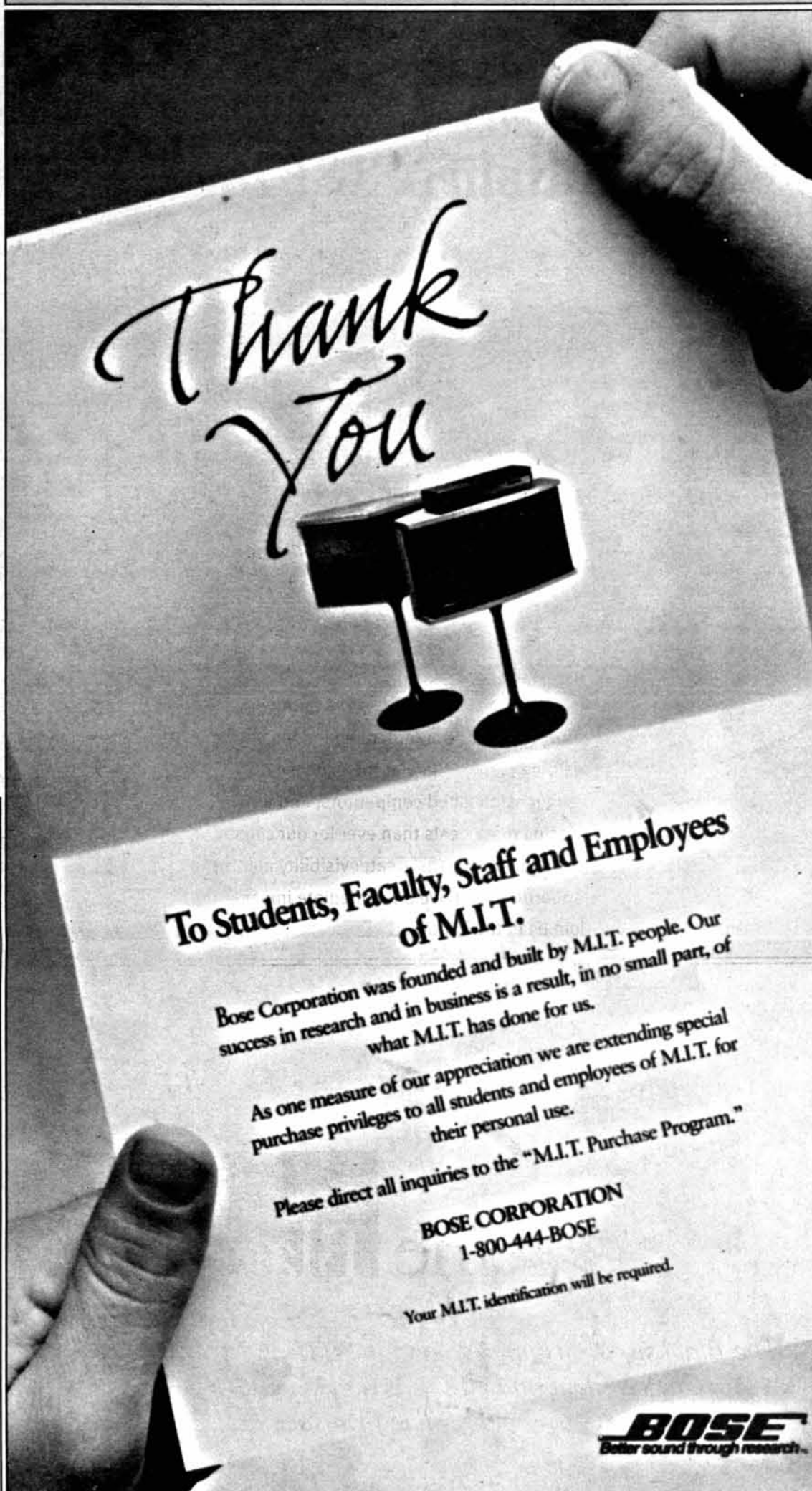
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Protestors outside Faneuil Hall vehemently call for the end of the USA Patriot Act Tuesday morning. The controversial enactment, passed by Congress in Oct. 2001, gives the government broader access to surveillance tools used to combat domestic terrorism. Protestors argued that the law violates basic freedoms, such as those of speech, assembly, and religion.



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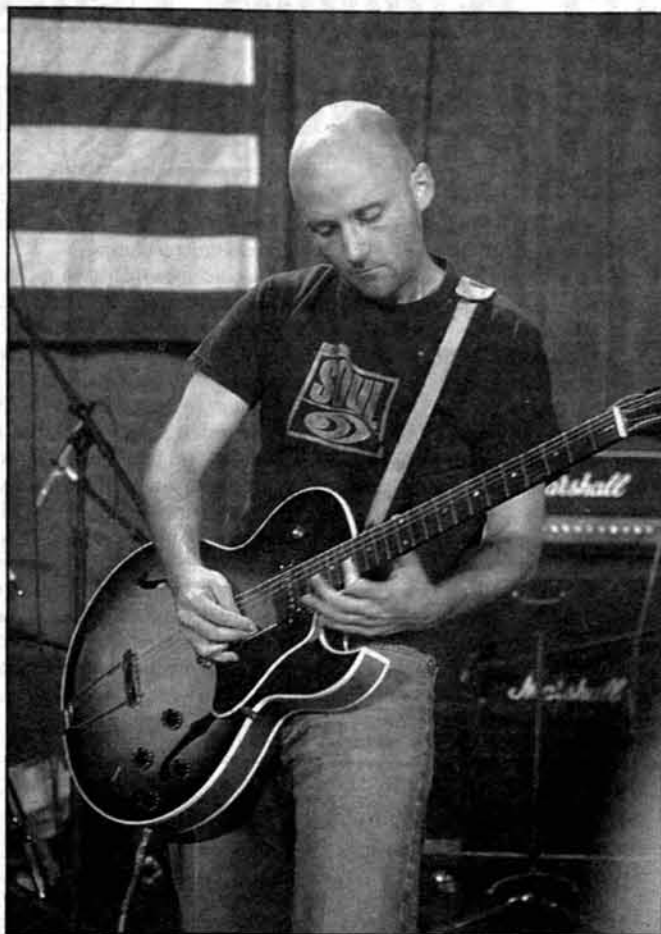
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(left) Moby plays Aerosmith's "Walk This Way" as part of his selection of Boston-themed rock at the Kerry fundraiser.

(right) Massachusetts Senator John Kerry shows off his playful side as he performs Bruce Springsteen's "Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out" with local band Poggun Seven.

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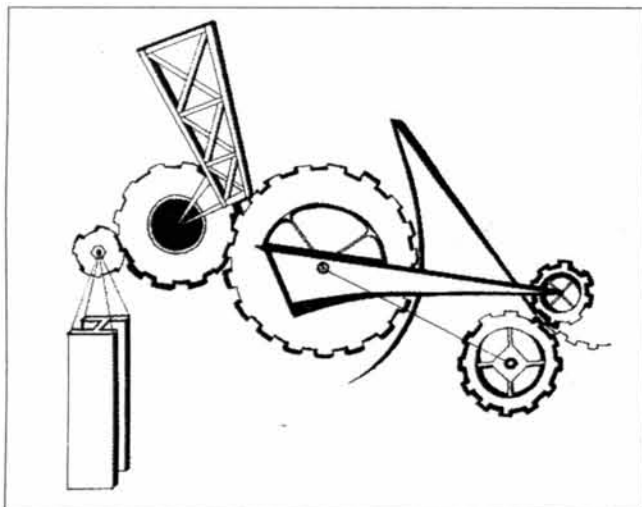
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MIT Windows Users Need Newest Patch

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they did, the mere fact that there are so many Microsoft computers out there means a single flaw in their code leaves a vast number of machines vulnerable," Gavin said.

"We have been working really hard and we would appreciate people realizing this. I ask that people be patient," Mahoney said.

Dominik R. Rabiej '05 is one of the many students deprived of network access.

"I do realize that they are swamped. But it does seem strange that they can turn off a drop within three hours but not turn it back on for ten days," Rabiej said.

Microsoft issues new update

On Wednesday, Microsoft

issued a new patch for another Windows vulnerability, to prevent another Blaster-like intruder from compromising machines.

"All machines that have recently been patched for the MS03-026 vulnerability are once again vulnerable to a new known method of remote compromise. I write to ask all Windows users to immediately install the new patch made available by Microsoft," said James D. Bruce, vice president of Information Systems, in an e-mail to all of the MIT community.

In response to this development, Information Systems will require all students registered for dynamic network access to reregister. For assistance registering a dynamic network access, visit <http://web.mit.edu/is/help/dhcp/dhcpstud.html>.



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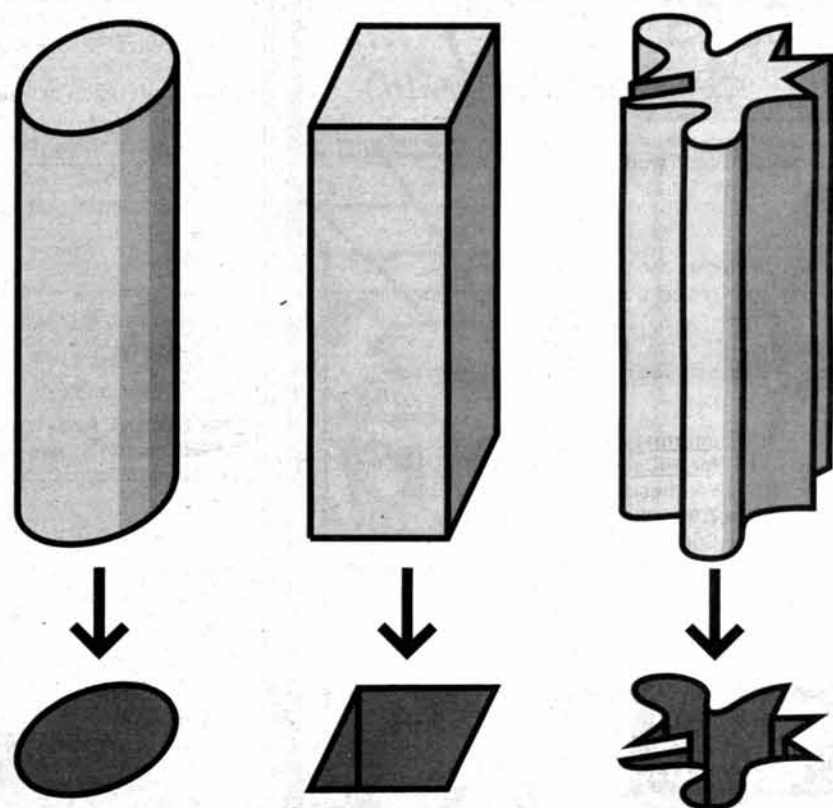
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daily Confuzion

The following are the Rush events scheduled by members of the Living Group Council. Living groups were able to give out bids on Sunday, September 7, 2003. Those receiving bids can begin to accept bids today.

Friday, September 12, 2003

4:39 p.m. Fenway Swing Sets! Reconnect with your inner child while swinging on the playground swings in the park right next to Fenway house. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

5:00 p.m. pika fascist running charades. the best game since telephone pictionary!

5:15 p.m. Fenway Bicycling. Are you reckless and filled with a hatred for walkers? Then come to Fenway and bike the Esplanade. It's as pretty as Boston gets. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

6:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Make Your Own Sushi Dinner. Learn to make sushi, with traditional ingredients and plenty of cooked and vegetarian items.

6:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Anti-Sushi Dinner. Ewww, who wants to eat raw fish?? We're going to have something much more edible for dinner.

6:15 p.m. pika Mafia Night. Dinner classy italian

7:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Origami fun and excitement. Oooh, watch Fish make an origami ball big enough to fit Dan into!

7:00 p.m. pika Italian pastries. Take a trip to the North End for Italian pastries from Bova's, which is way better than Mike's.

7:00 p.m. Student House Dinner. Come see what we're cooking!

7:00 p.m. WILG Italian Dinner night with Shrimp Scampi and Eggplant Parmesan.

8:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Anime. Come get your fill of giant robots, physics-defying hair, girls with unbelievably large eyes, and funny-looking creatures... Japanese cartoons are weird, man.

8:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Anti-Anime. Sick of hearing those whiny anime schoolgirls? We'll be watching *real* movies, like Princess Bride or Blues Brothers. Help us choose the real entertainment of the night!

8:07 p.m. Fenway Be Your Own Advice Columnist. Think you're so smart, eh? Or just tired of your useless adviser? Then sit on our advice panel and offer helpful advice as people ask questions about their weird, mundane, and disturbing problems. Or come and present your own twisted problems for our omnipotent advisers to fix. We'll laugh. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

9:00 p.m. pika Mafia Night. Movie Screening

Saturday, September 13, 2003

12:00 a.m. Epsilon Theta Stargazing. Would you like to swing on a star? carry moonbeams home in a jar? Let's see if we can find more than six of those bright shinies in the sky. There's one! Nope, that was the Green Building. Ah well.

1:02 a.m. Fenway More food... Raid the fridge! Because you always get hungry at night.

3:33 a.m. Fenway Insert witty title here. Waiting for Godot? So are we. Yawn.

6:15 a.m. pika Dinner! Again! I've run out of theme ideas!!

Come anyways! Veggie friendly as always.

8:30 a.m. Fenway Die alarm clock, die! Grumpy, sleeping bodies.

9:00 a.m. Epsilon Theta Saturday Morning Cartoons. Now's the perfect time to revisit childhood in the 80's! We'll be reminiscing with Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and all our other favorites! ...remember Danger Mouse?

9:12 a.m. Fenway Trapped in the waffle iron! Mmmm..breakfast. Pancakes, waffles, and irregular bacon! Call 437-1043 and come on over, eat and watch some anime to pass the time.

10:00 a.m. pika haymarket. practice haggling and stock up on cheap produce at haymarket

10:00 a.m. WILG Come with us for morning yoga at Baron Baptiste's world famous yoga studio just down our street. Mats provided!!

10:21 a.m. Fenway The Colors are Alive! Hey, those people are tie-dying again! Tsk. Call 437-1043 for a tied.

11:19 a.m. Fenway Bookstore Tour. Do you suffer from bibliophilia? Join others like you at Fenway and go touring local bookstores, both new and used! Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

12:30 p.m. Epsilon Theta Breakfast for lunch! Oooh, breakfast! for lunch! Grits and eggs? Karen, you're the best!

1:00 p.m. WILG Head over to Shalimar of India Restaurant with us for their all-you-can-eat buffet!

1:30 p.m. Epsilon Theta Sailboat making. Build your own miniature British schooner! Or just make a cute little sailboat. Your choice.

1:30 p.m. Epsilon Theta Chemistry fun (silly putty). We're making 10 pounds of silly putty and we'll see what it does when it jumps off our roof! Of course, we can play with it first!

2:00 p.m. pika Museum of Dirt. See dirt from all around the world, blue dirt, pink dirt, dirt from famous people!m excited!!! Are you excited?!

2:13 p.m. Fenway Swing Sets! Reconnect with your inner child while swinging on the playground swings in the park right next to Fenway house. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

3:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Toy sailboat sailing on duck pond. Ahoy! Are our homemade vessels seaworthy? Er, pond-worthy? We'll find out — off to Hall's Pond!

3:17 p.m. Fenway Frisbee. We're Jammin'. Okay so we're just sort of lying around in the Fens. Come relax to some reggae and throws some frisbees at trees. Or people. Whatever. Call 437-1043.

3:29 p.m. Fenway Harvard Square Odyssey. Come to Fenway and visit the magical land of Harvard students. Lots of shops, statues, freaks and coffee stores. Just remember, do not feed, poke, taunt, humiliate, or defecate on the Harvard students. God has done enough to them. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

3:30 p.m. WILG Missed the morning yoga class? Come with us to Baron Baptiste's world-famous yoga studio for a 90 minutes class taught by the master himself! Mats provided!

4:00 p.m. pika more ice cream! mmmm. Harvard square has

some good choices

4:09 p.m. Fenway Plutonium from household materials. Oobleck! Spoo! Ivory soap! Fenway House of Freaky Household Items, step right up. Trust us. :B 437-1043

5:15 p.m. Fenway Jog. You need to exercise more, so come to Fenway for a light jog around the Fens. If you're really good, you can carry a rifle and 50 pounds of ammunition as part of our secret world domination army. Just don't tell anyone! Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

6:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey, stuffing (vegetarian, of course!), cranberry sauce, and more.

7:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Ye Olde Road Rallye. Hop in a car and follow the directions there and back again! Just beware of puns...

7:00 p.m. WILG All-you-can-eat pizza night! Make your own or sample the WILG chefs' creations!

7:34 p.m. Fenway Movies. Full now? Don't feel like moving? Neither do we. Come on over and we'll watch yet another random movie or three.

8:35 p.m. Fenway Full Metal Jacket. Watch a really great war movie with lines like "There is no racial bigotry here. Here, you are all equally worthless", "A day without blood is like a day without sunshine", and "Were you born worthless, or did you have to work at it?" Don't forget "I wanted to meet stimulating and interesting people of an ancient culture, and kill them." Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

9:07 p.m. pika movie night. Two recent pika alumni were comparative media studies majors. That means the movies will be good.

10:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Chemistry fun continued (Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream). Oooh, liquid nitrogen! and ice cream! and choosing your own flavors?? I wonder how Tobasco caramel will turn out...

Sunday, September 14, 2003

8:34 a.m. Fenway Breakfast with the Times. You're awake. We're probably not. Wake us up at 437-1043 and have breakfast with us as we make fun of the editorials in the *New York Times*.

10:00 a.m. WILG Meet us at our house before we leave for Dim Sum in Chinatown!

10:10 a.m. Fenway Bagpiper Hunting. Frolic in the Fens Part II. The fishing's not so good, but occasionally we hear a bagpiper. Play croquet or one of those evil games you played as a child. Look at flowers. 437-1043

11:00 a.m. Fenway Beach Trip. We're off to the beach. Call 617-437-1043 to come with us. Sunscreen and beach ball included. Dine on "World-Famous" roast beef and fried seafood at Kelly's.

11:00 a.m. pika sushi! roll your own sushi! All afternoon.

12:21 p.m. Fenway Food Lunch. Eat it before it eats you. 437-1043

12:30 p.m. Epsilon Theta Fud. Falafel. Greek salads. Hummus. Chicken? Dinner.

1:17 p.m. Fenway Trivial Pursuits. Come engage in utter trivia by playing Trivial Pursuits with us! 617-437-1043.

1:30 p.m. Epsilon Theta Hiking.

Intrepid outdoor adventurer Shaina's leading us into the woods! I hope there won't be any lions, tigers, or bears... don't say it!

1:30 p.m. Epsilon Theta Making kites. This is my kite. There are many like it, but this one is mine.

2:00 p.m. pika picnic in Japanese garden. pack some of that freshly rolled sushi and eat it at the Japanese Gardens at the museum of fine arts. Bring your MIT ID.

2:00 p.m. WILG Join us for an afternoon of culture at the Isabella Gardner museum.

2:43 p.m. Fenway Museum of Fine Arts. Had fun outdoors? Did we get rained in? Missed the beach or lamed out of it? We're going to the art museum. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

3:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Flying kites in the park. It's only properly done when Mary Poppins leaves, but we'll do our best in the park across the street.

3:17 p.m. Fenway Random Walks in Boston. Come explore this incredible city on foot, stochastically! We're not quite sure where we'll take you, but you will see some cool stuff and have a lot of fun. Margaret does these walks all the time, and she almost always manages to find her way back to the house. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

5:07 p.m. Fenway Rollerblading. Are you reckless and filled with a hatred for walkers? Then come to Fenway and blade the Minute-man Trail. It's as pretty as Cambridge gets. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

5:30 p.m. pika dinner! may or may not involve sushi

6:21 p.m. Fenway Randomized Dinner Selection. Hungry? Have dinner at Fenway. What are we making? Spin the Wheel O' Cuisine!(tm) so we'll know what to make. Or maybe it's just going to be one HUGE Nan-Ling order... Call 437-1043 for Random Food Eating!

7:00 p.m. pika DDR tournament. every peaceful lunch in a Japanese garden should be followed by hours of dancing to awful music.

7:00 p.m. Student House Dinner. A great way to start off the new week.

8:14 p.m. Fenway Games. Insane More games! We just made some new acquisitions, so the pieces are all there. We also have puzzles. Don't know Pinochle? No time like the present to learn. Call 437-1043 for a ride.

8:34 p.m. Fenway Cowboy Bebop. Watch a ton of episodes from this excellent anime series. Great Blues music and writing to make you weep. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

11:12 p.m. Fenway Problem Sets. Dude, come punt all your work due tomorrow at Fenway. Or come and work with us. Something like that. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

Monday, September 15, 2003

5:15 p.m. Fenway Jog. Feeling cranky? Exercise will make you feel better. Or something. Join us at Fenway for a light jog around the Fens. If you're really good, you can carry a rifle and 50 pounds of ammunition as part of our secret world domination army. Just don't tell anyone! 617-437-1043.

6:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Sweet and sour pork. Oooh, curried chickpeas! Yummy!

7:00 p.m. Fenway The Best Damn Pizza on the Planet. Come enjoy the products of Crazy Doughs, the finest gourmet pizza you will ever see! No seriously,

its really, really good. Like, when I'm in lab, its like all I eat. Its so good, that after eating there, we'll head over to Little Stevie's, the worst pizza place in the world (coincidentally right next to Crazy Dough's) and taunt them by chanting, "Little Stevie's: where the men are hairy and the pizza's scary! Where the men are easy and the pizza is sleazy!"

7:00 p.m. Student House Dinner. This entry is boring. We're not. Come on over!

8:00 p.m. WILG Come to the North End with us for Dessert! Mike's Pastries and cappuccinos are only a cab ride away!

8:11 p.m. Fenway Blade Runner. So is Decker a replicant or not? Speculate while watching this classic science fiction movie. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

9:12 p.m. Fenway Homework Help. What exactly are the implications of subdialectic deappropriation and deconstructive pre-structuralist theory in light of Grimson's integrated cheese construct? Come talk about the HASS paper you're procrastinating writing with Fenbeings who are also procrastinating. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride or lots of cheese.

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

2:23 a.m. Fenway Totalitarian Regimes for Dummies. Feeling power hungry and maybe just a little bit insecure? Come chat with Augusto Pinochet and Slobodan Milosevic live via satellite! Learn from the masters! Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

5:15 p.m. Fenway Jog. You need to exercise more, so come to Fenway for a light jog around the Fens. If you're really good, you can carry a rifle and 50 pounds of ammunition as part of our secret world domination army. Just don't tell anyone! Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

6:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Quiche and pies, oh my! Oooh, I wonder what Karen's going to put into the pies?

7:00 p.m. Fenway Middle Eastern Food. Enjoy great middle eastern food: baklava, falafel, hummus, cucumber salads, etc. And to make it even more entertaining, we'll be sure to demonstrate some of the violence that makes the middle east such a fun place to be. You too can experience the joy that was Beirut where each religious faction and political organization battled it out with their own private army! Come early since we'll be handing out kashlinikovs and rocks to the first few lucky guests!

7:00 p.m. Student House Dinner. You're a poor hungry college student. We're poor college students who want to give you food. Yum!

8:00 p.m. Epsilon Theta Improv, Take 2. Every good performance needs an encore!

8:00 p.m. pika spaminals!! You'll love them!! Trust me!! Er actually don't.

8:19 p.m. Fenway Homework Help. Do you long to visit that magical land where vectors frolic amidst complex fields under the Shade of a binary tree? Then come harass our math majors for help on your problem sets. Please come and give them an excuse to procrastinate their own work! Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

8:29 p.m. Fenway Buckaroo Banzai! Thrill to the adventures of world famous neurosurgeon/rock star/comic book hero Buckaroo Banzai as he saves the world in this brilliant sci-fi cult classic movie. Call 617-437-1043 for a ride.

SPORTS

V-Ball Starts Season With Perfect Record

By Paul Dill
TEAM COACH

The women's varsity volleyball team, which made it to the NCAA Division III tournament last season, has picked up right where they left off by starting out the 2003 season with a perfect 4-0 record.

The season opened last week with a dominating performance against Endicott College. The match, which took place in DuPont Gymnasium last Wednesday night with a very enthusiastic crowd, saw the Engineers dominate from start to finish. After getting a 7-0 lead in the first game, the Engineers never looked back, taking the match 3-0 (30-10, 30-13, 30-15). Senior co-captain Nydia M. Clayton led the attack with 18 kills while sophomore Arlis A. Reynolds anchored the defense with 14 digs.

The team then traveled to Gordon College over the weekend to defend their championships from the two previous seasons. The Engineers opened with Bates College, and with only a slight hiccup in the third, controlled the match and won 3-1 (30-21, 30-21, 27-30, 30-20). Sophomore co-captain Austin Zimmerman took control of the match by dishing out 31 assists and keeping the Bobcats off balance. Zimmerman hit at 100 percent and attacked several second balls.

Sophomore Jackie Y. Wang was a stabilizing force in the back row as she added 12 digs to the effort, and Reynolds was again a factor as she served Bates off the court with seven aces.

Against the hosts, Gordon College, the Engineers had revenge on their minds, as it was Gordon who knocked MIT out of the NCAA tournament last season in round 32. The Engineers wasted little time explaining it to Gordon on the court as they dominated the match outright. After blowing them out in the first game 30-16, the Engineers finished them off, winning the second game 30-22 and the third game 30-22 to take the match 3-0. Sophomore Caroline D. Jordan contributed eight kills and 13 digs, while sophomore Joy N. Hart added 6 kills.

In the final match of the day, MIT made short work of Eastern Connecticut State University winning easily 3-0 (30-18, 30-22, 30-17) to take the championship trophy for the third straight year. Freshmen contributed greatly in this match as Caitlin A. Murphy '07 took over the setting reigns, dishing out 29 assists. Frances M. Rogoz '07, Monika M. Wrobel '07, and Briana J. Stephenson '07 put down nine, seven, and three kills, respectively.

Jordan and Reynolds also earned All-Tournament Team honors, with Reynolds taking the tournament Most Valuable Player award.



Ashleigh V. Leonard '07 outraces her opponent for the ball Thursday afternoon in Steinbrenner Stadium. The MIT women, in their first home game of the season, defeated Emerson College 5-1, bringing their record to 1-1.

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Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00pm in 4-231

Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00pm in 2-105

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